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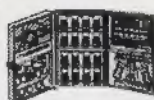
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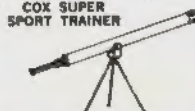
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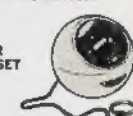
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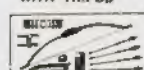
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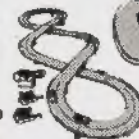
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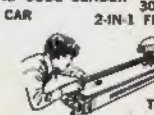
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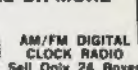
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HAVE DISGRACED
YOUR KRYPTONIAN
PARENTS!

KAL-EL--YOU
HAVE DENIED
YOUR KRYPTONIAN
HERITAGE BY
CONVERTING TO
AN EARTHMAN!

SO YOU COULD
LIVE, WE DIED
IN VAIN!

MOTHER...
FATHER--
I DO NOT
UNDERSTAND...

YOU ACT LIKE AN
EARTHMAN... YOU TALK
LIKE AN EARTHMAN--THERE
IS NOTHING KRYPTONIAN
ABOUT YOU AT ALL!

KAL-EL--
YOU HAVE GROWN
UP TO BECOME...

THE MAN WHO BETRAYED KRYPTON!

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THIS IS A PART OF METROPOLIS WE SELDOM SEE-- THE SLUM CALLED EVENSIDE HEIGHTS...



MANY FIGURES COME AND GO REGULARLY ON THESE SQUALID STREETS--

--AMONG THEM THE TALL, DELIBERATE FORM OF CORAM...



...BUT DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE DISTINGUISHED BLACK CAPE AND TOUCH OF WHITE HAIR.



I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, JOEY! THAT BOTTOM-LAPPIN' MATH-TEACHER BURNS ME, TOO!

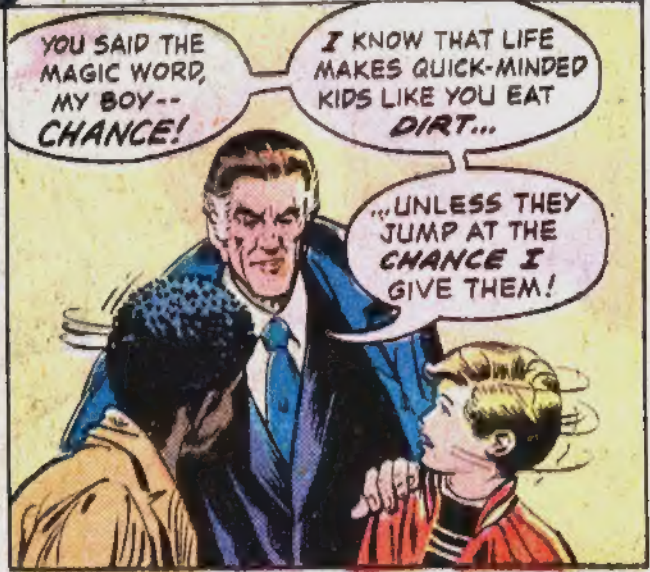
HE GAVE ME A FREAKIN' C-PLUS WHEN I KNOW MORE 'BOUT GEOMETRY THAN HE DOES! IF I ONLY HAD THE CHANCE TO--



YOU SAID THE MAGIC WORD, MY BOY-- CHANCE!

I KNOW THAT LIFE MAKES QUICK-MINDED KIDS LIKE YOU EAT DIRT...

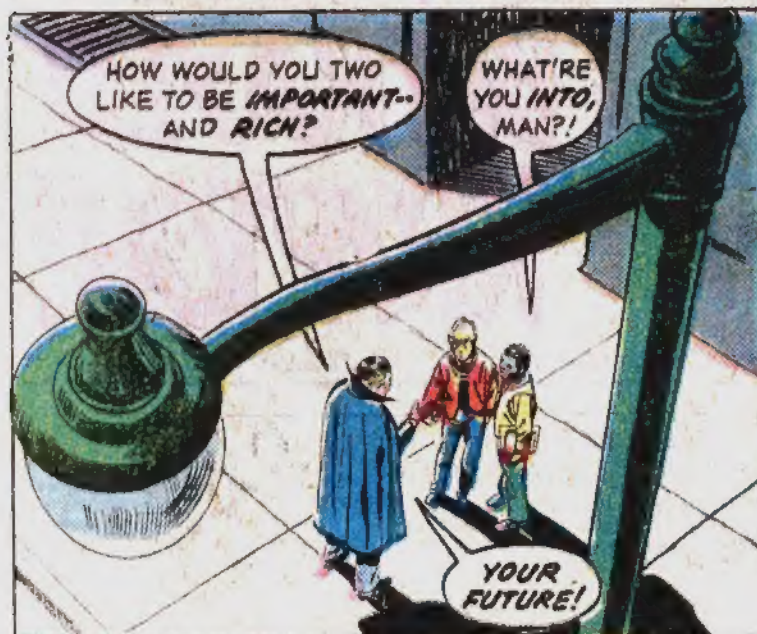
...UNLESS THEY JUMP AT THE CHANCE I GIVE THEM!



HOW WOULD YOU TWO LIKE TO BE IMPORTANT-- AND RICH?

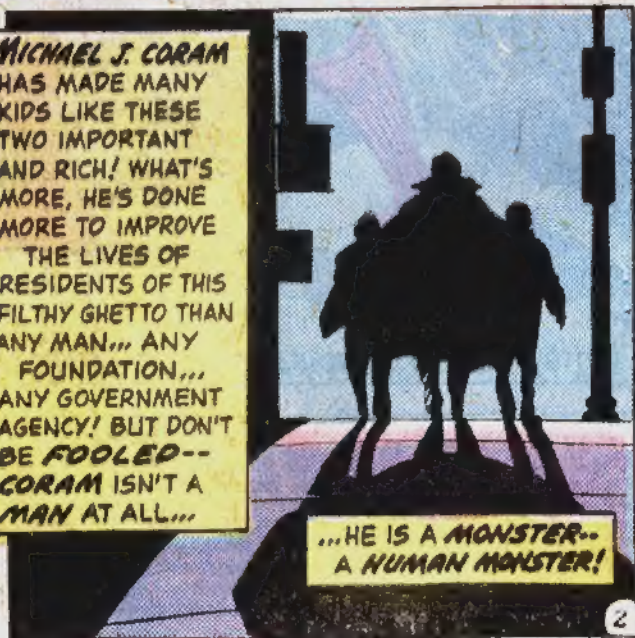
WHAT'RE YOU INTO, MAN?!

YOUR FUTURE!

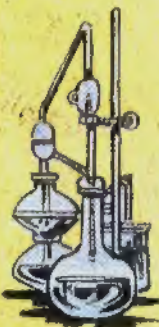


MICHAEL J. CORAM HAS MADE MANY KIDS LIKE THESE TWO IMPORTANT AND RICH! WHAT'S MORE, HE'S DONE MORE TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF RESIDENTS OF THIS FILTHY GHETTO THAN ANY MAN... ANY FOUNDATION... ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY! BUT DON'T BE FOOLED-- CORAM ISN'T A MAN AT ALL...

...HE IS A MONSTER-- A HUMAN MONSTER!



HOW CAN THIS BE? WELL, LET'S LOOK IN ON **THOMAS WOODROW**, RESEARCH SCIENTIST...



THERE'S A NEW BREED OF SCIENTIST COMING OUT OF THE UNIVERSITIES-- LIKE **DR. TOMMY WOODROW**, OF **STAR* LABS**...

***SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCED RESEARCH -- EDITOR**



...A NEW BREED THAT'S YOUNG, AWARE AND DEDICATED TO THE BETTERMENT OF HUMANITY THROUGH SCIENCE!

THERE ARE OTHER DEDICATED MEN LIKE **DR. WOODROW**-- NOT ONLY SCIENTISTS, BUT ECONOMISTS, JOURNALISTS, LEGISLATORS...



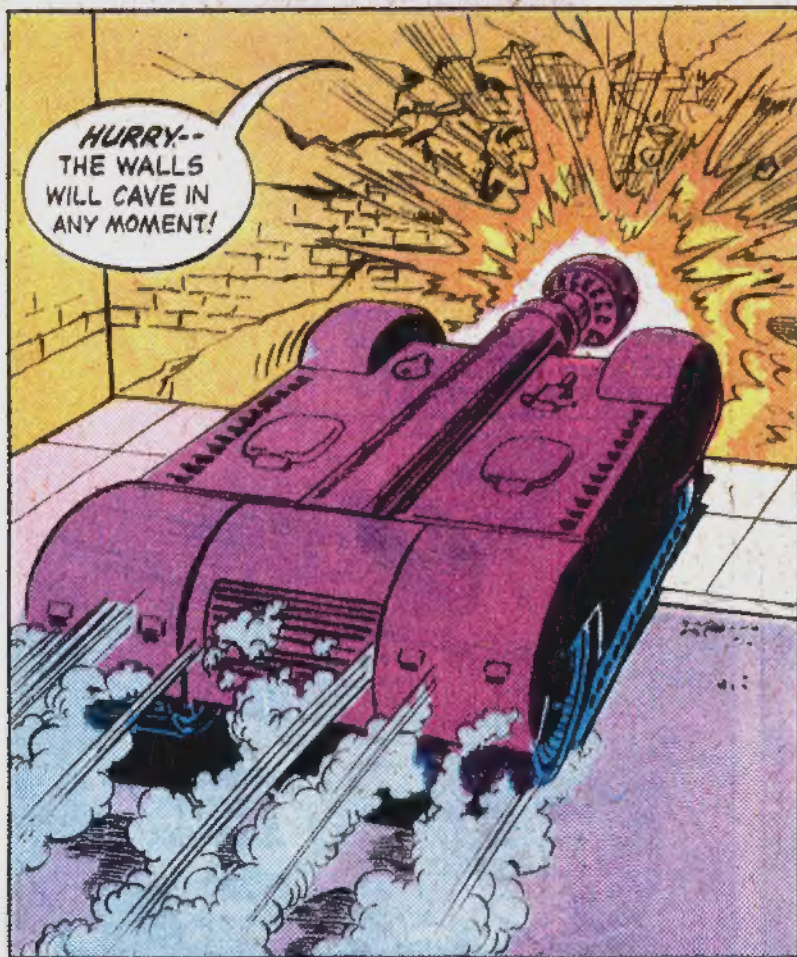
...WHO HAVE ASSUMED POSITIONS OF CREATIVITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD--

DR. WOODROW-- MR. KENT! YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE-- **FAST!**

WHY?-- WHAT'S HAPPENING?

A SUPER-DUPER TANK IS SMASHING INTO THE BUILDING!

KAR-RUNNCCHHH!



HURRY-- THE WALLS WILL CAVE IN ANY MOMENT!



I WONDER HOW THE **CRIME SYNDICATE** HAS BEEN COMING UP WITH THESE WAY-OUT WEAPONS?

GET GOING, **KENT!**

COMING! I'M--

WHAM!

BUT BEFORE THE **WGBS-TV** NEWSCASTER CAN SAY ANOTHER WORD...

KENT!...
WHERE
ARE YOU?

WHAT
HAPPENED?
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

WALL
COLLAPSED...
BUT I'M NOT
HURT! GO
GET HELP...

THAT'LL
KEEP 'EM
BUSY WHILE
I TAKE CARE
OF A JOB...

...FOR
SUPERMAN!

IT'S THE
SUPERGUY!

ACTIVATE
THE
DEFENDER!

AND OUT OF THE CONCEALED
HATCH OF THE NIGHTMARISH
MACHINE SPURTS...

AN ARMORED CROOK--
SPOUTING FIREBALLS?!

NOT JUST ANY OL'
FIREBALLS, SUPERMAN...

... BUT **SOLAR**
FLARES LIKE THOSE
OF A **RED SUN!**

ANOTHER
CRIME
SYNDICATE
INNOVATION--
PUTTING A
"HIT-MAN"
IN A SUIT OF
ARMOR... WITH
A WEAPON TO
BLAST
SUPERMAN!

UNDER
RED-SOLAR
RADIATION,
I'M AS
HELPLESS
AS A
NEW-BORN
KITTEN!

AMONG THE ONLOOKERS IS
ANOTHER **WGBS** REPORTER--
JIMMY OLSEN... WHO SEES
SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T
HAPPEN VERY OFTEN...

WOW!
SUPERMAN'S
GETTING
ZAPPED!



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D. Easton



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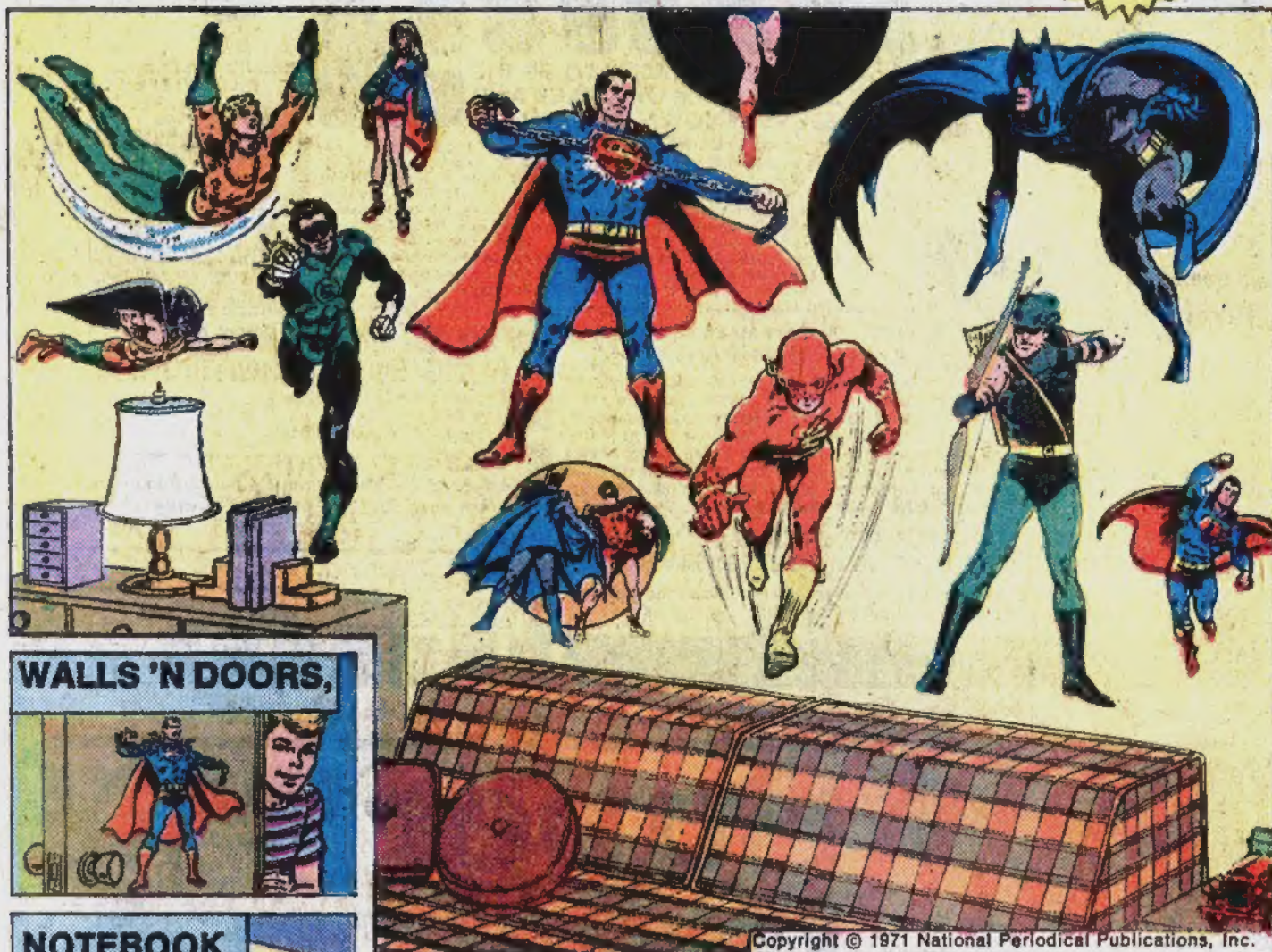
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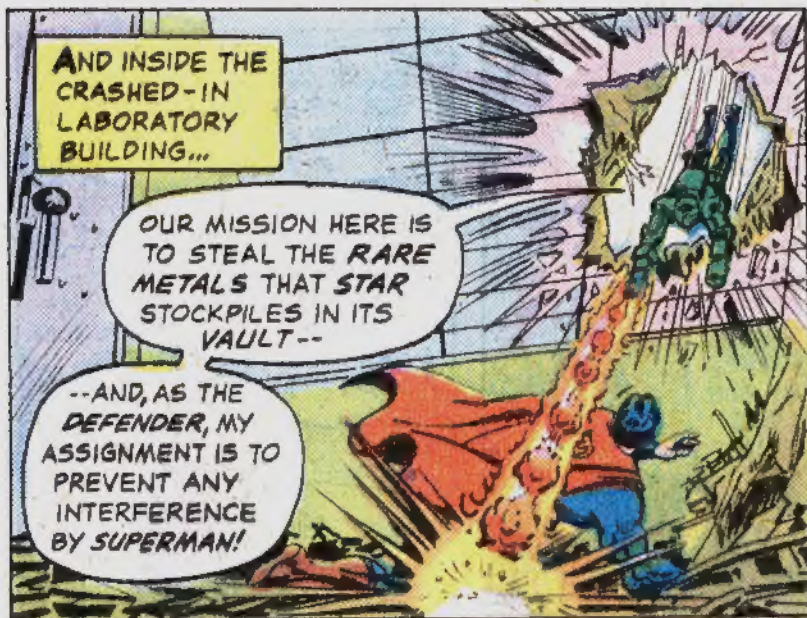
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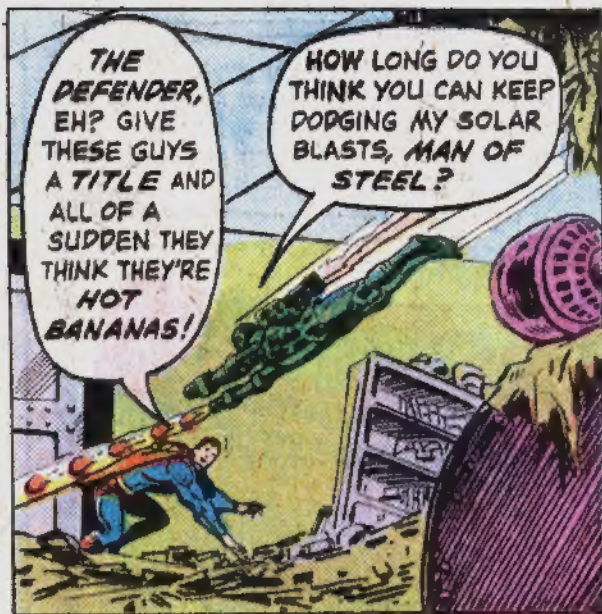
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AND INSIDE THE
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LABORATORY
BUILDING...

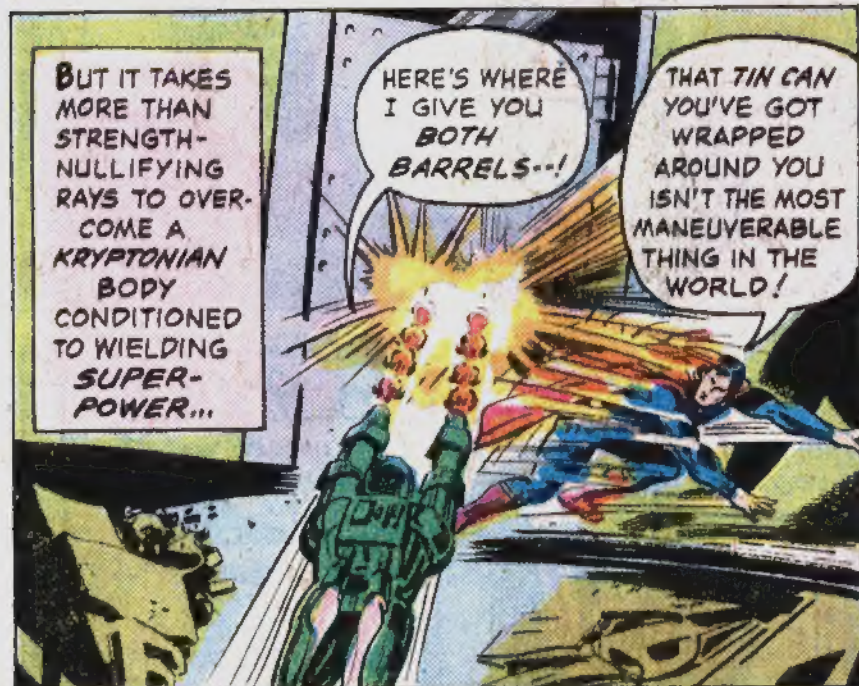
OUR MISSION HERE IS
TO STEAL THE RARE
METALS THAT STAR
STOCKPILES IN ITS
VAULT--

--AND, AS THE
DEFENDER, MY
ASSIGNMENT IS TO
PREVENT ANY
INTERFERENCE
BY SUPERMAN!



THE
DEFENDER,
EH? GIVE
THESE GUYS
A TITLE AND
ALL OF A
SUDDEN THEY
THINK THEY'RE
HOT
BANANAS!

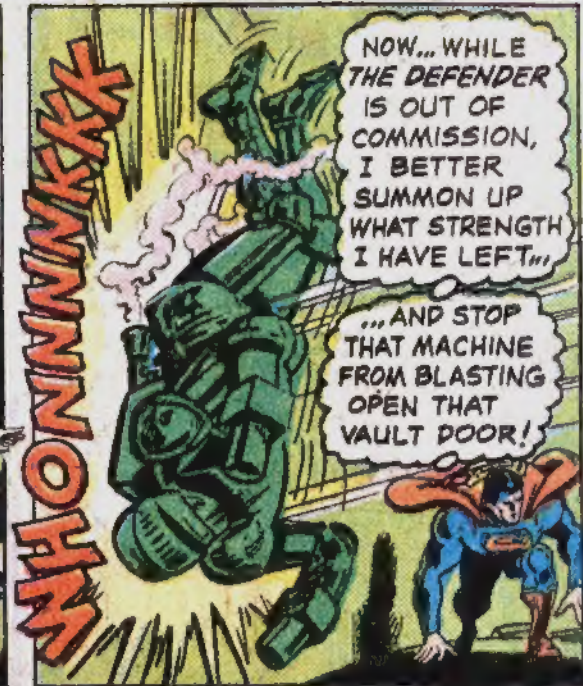
HOW LONG DO YOU
THINK YOU CAN KEEP
DODGING MY SOLAR
BLASTS, MAN OF
STEEL?



BUT IT TAKES
MORE THAN
STRENGTH-
NULLIFYING
RAYS TO OVER-
COME A
KRYPTONIAN
BODY
CONDITIONED
TO WIELDING
SUPER-
POWER...

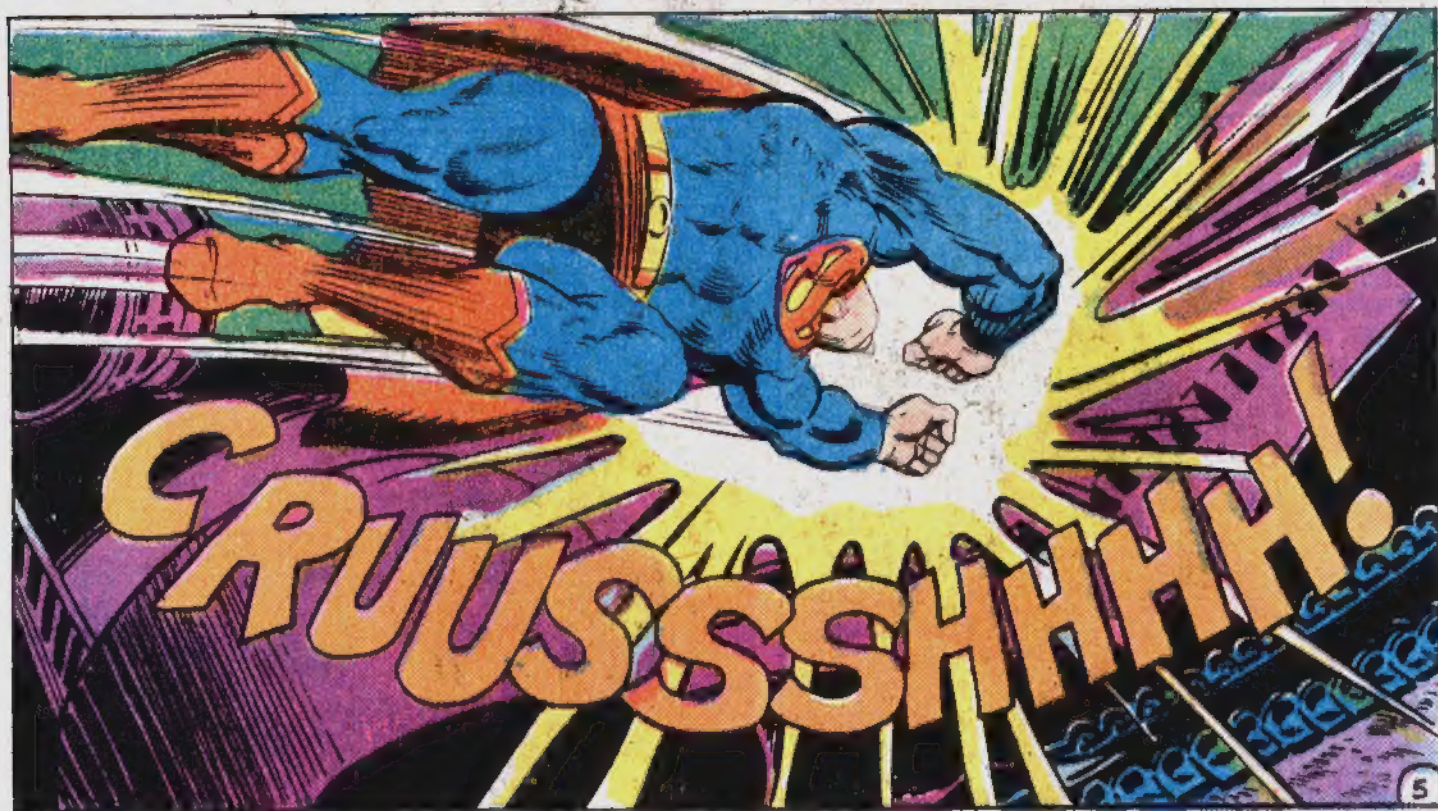
HERE'S WHERE
I GIVE YOU
BOTH
BARRELS--!

THAT TIN CAN
YOU'VE GOT
WRAPPED
AROUND YOU
ISN'T THE MOST
MANEUVERABLE
THING IN THE
WORLD!



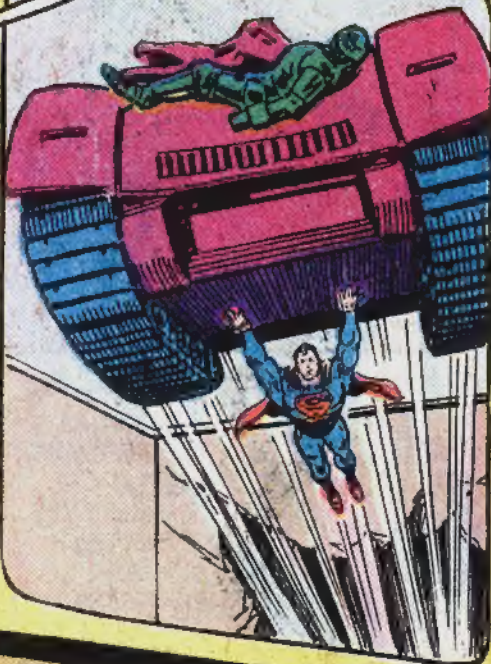
NOW... WHILE
THE DEFENDER
IS OUT OF
COMMISSION,
I BETTER
SUMMON UP
WHAT STRENGTH
I HAVE LEFT...

...AND STOP
THAT MACHINE
FROM BLASTING
OPEN THAT
VAULT DOOR!



CRUUSSSHHHH!

...AND THE ATTACK ON *STAR* ENDED WITH *SUPERMAN* CARRYING THE BATTERED REMAINS OF THE CRIMINAL OPERATION TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS!



NICE GOING, JIMMY-- ESPECIALLY FOR A PART-TIME TV REPORTER!

HE'D BEEN TRAPPED INSIDE THE WRECKED BUILDING!

BUT TELL ME-- WHAT HAPPENED TO MY MAN ON THE SCENE, CLARK KENT?



CLARK GOT OUT ALL RIGHT, BUT HIS EQUIPMENT WAS RUINED AND HIS FILM EXPOSED!

HAD TO MUSS UP MY CLOTHES TO LOOK LIKE I WAS IN AN ACCIDENT...

HEY... THAT MAN APPROACHING ME...



ORIST

CLARK! I FIGURED I MIGHT RUN INTO YOU HERE!

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!



BRUCE WAYNE! I HAD A RUN-IN WITH A TANK!

WHAT BUSINESS DOES BATMAN HAVE AT GALAXY COMMUNICATIONS?

NO BUSINESS FOR THE BATMAN, BUT BRUCE WAYNE IS HERE FOR THE ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING! I OWN 6% OF GALAXY!

WHEW! TO THINK YOU'RE ONE OF THE PEOPLE I'M WORKING FOR!

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT JUSTICE LEAGUE MEETING!

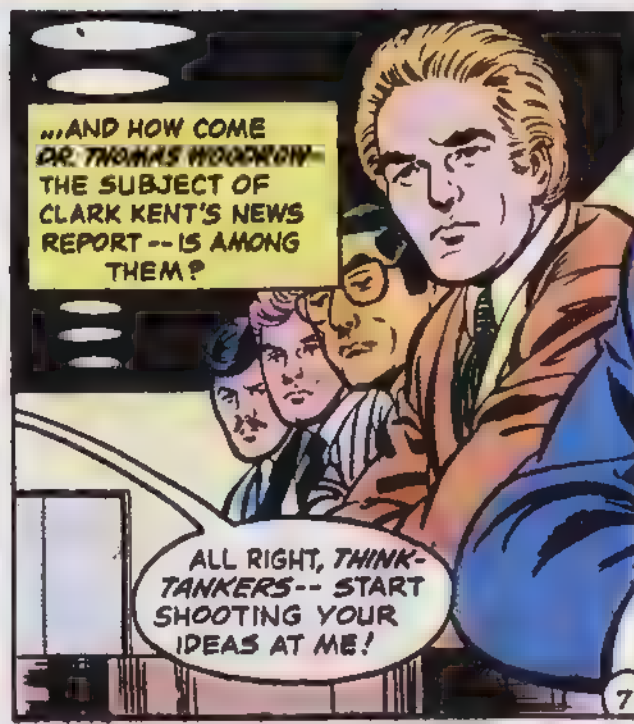
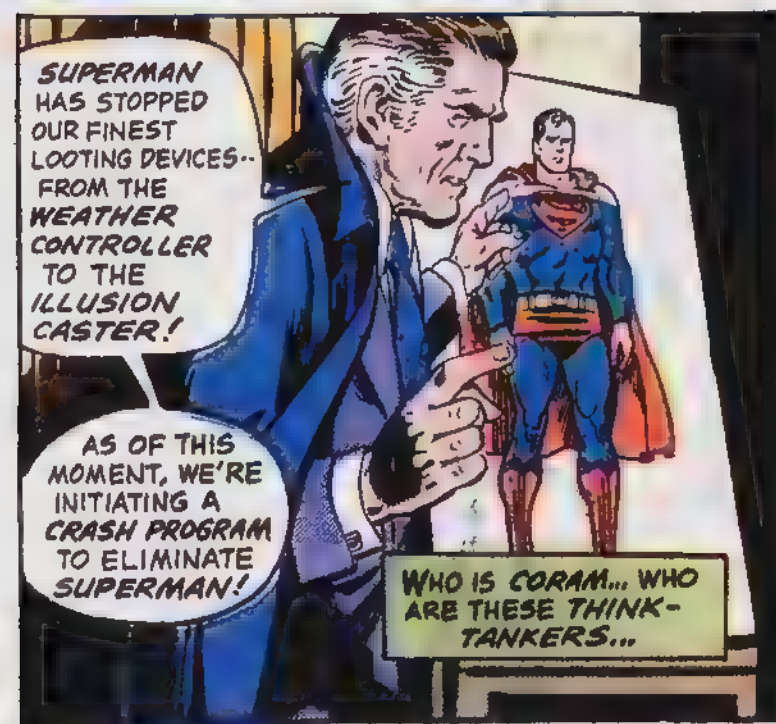
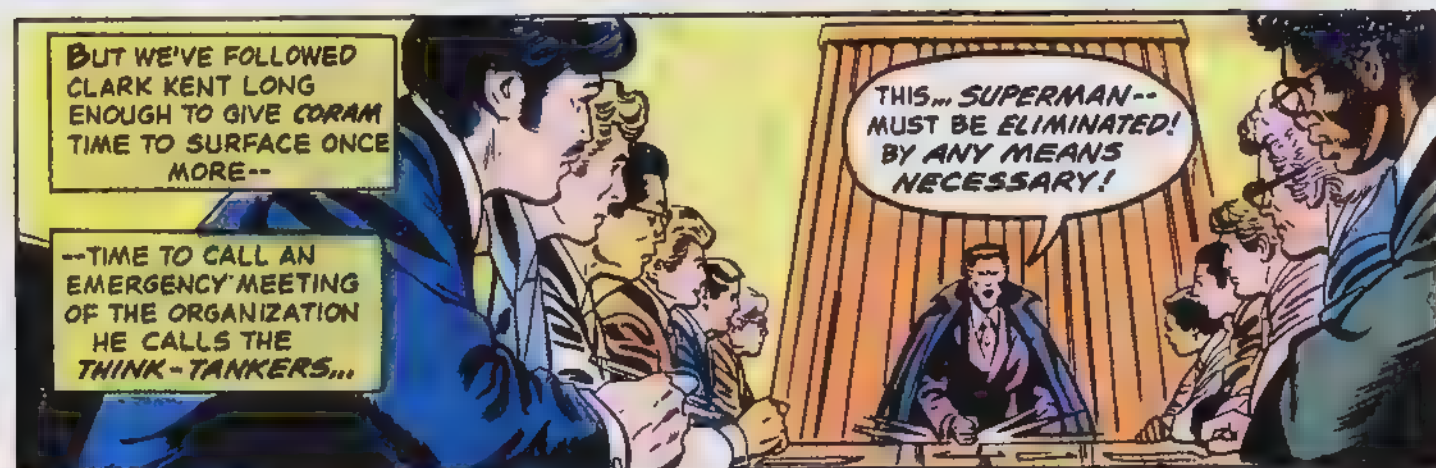


BUT AS CLARK WALKS INTO THE ELEVATOR, HE GOES FROM UNEXPECTEDLY BUMPING INTO A FRIEND TO --

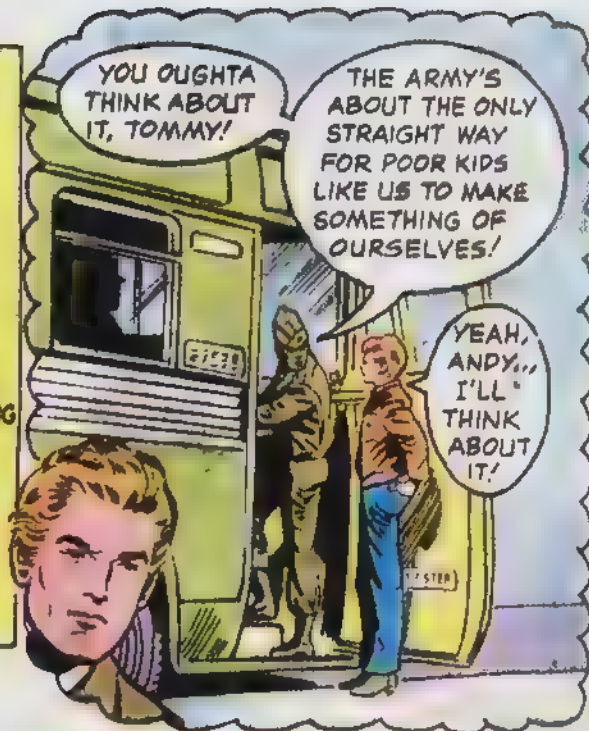
OOOOOMPHH! STEVE LOMBARD! CAN'T YOU SEE I'M--

--ALL TIED UP, CLARKIE? SORRY 'BOUT THAT!

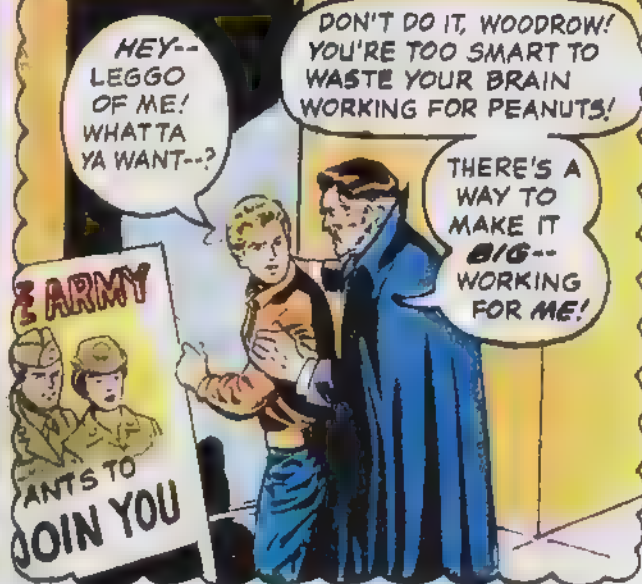




FOR THE ANSWERS, LET US PEER INTO THE MIND OF **THOMAS WOODROW, PH. D.**, AS HE THINKS BACK TEN YEARS, WHEN HE WAS SEEING HIS BEST FRIEND OFF TO RETURN TO HIS **ARMY BASE...**

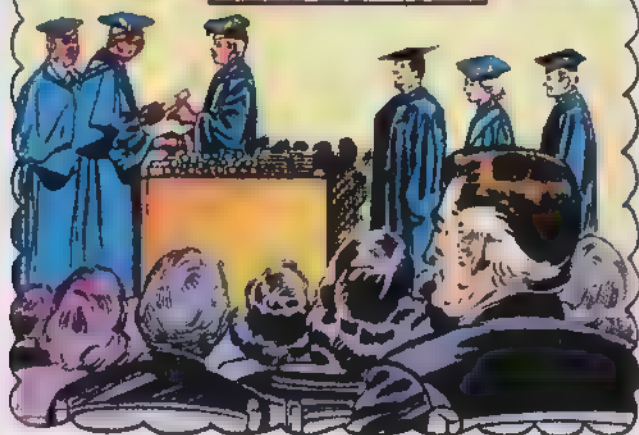


TOMMY WOODROW DID THINK ABOUT IT-- AND ONE DAY, WHEN HE'D FINALLY MADE HIS DECISION...

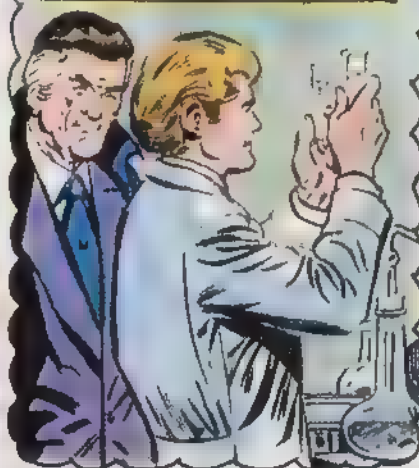


AND TOMMY WOODROW DID MAKE IT-- WITH CORAM PROVIDING THE SCHOLARSHIP TO PUT HIM THROUGH COLLEGE--

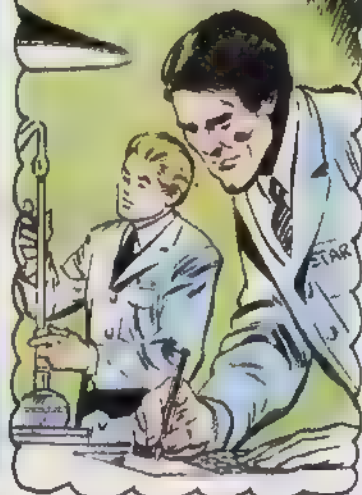
--IN RETURN FOR A PLEDGE...



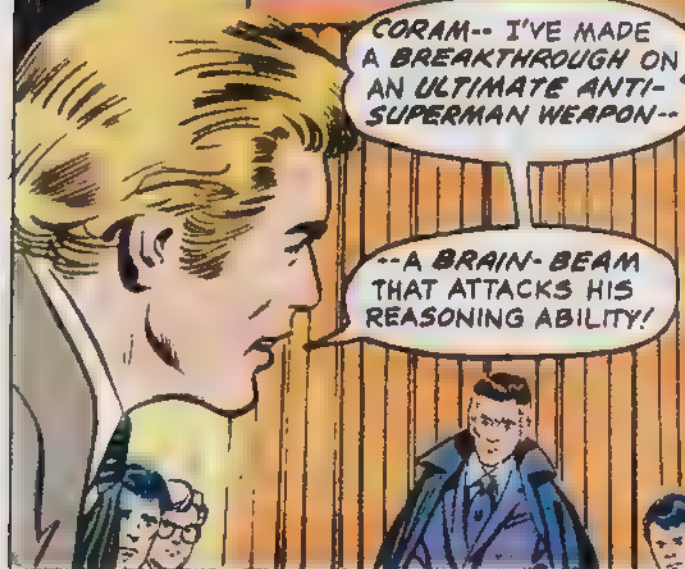
...FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS LIFE, WOODROW WOULD BE OBLIGED TO USE HIS SCIENTIFIC SKILL ON BEHALF OF ORGANIZED CRIME...



...AND TO COVER HIS "REAL" OCCUPATION, HE'D TAKE ON AN OUTSIDE JOB AS A FRONT...



TOMMY HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB-- AND TODAY FINDS HIM ABOUT TO ADD TO HIS RECORD...



CORAM-- I'VE MADE A BREAKTHROUGH ON AN ULTIMATE ANTI-SUPERMAN WEAPON--

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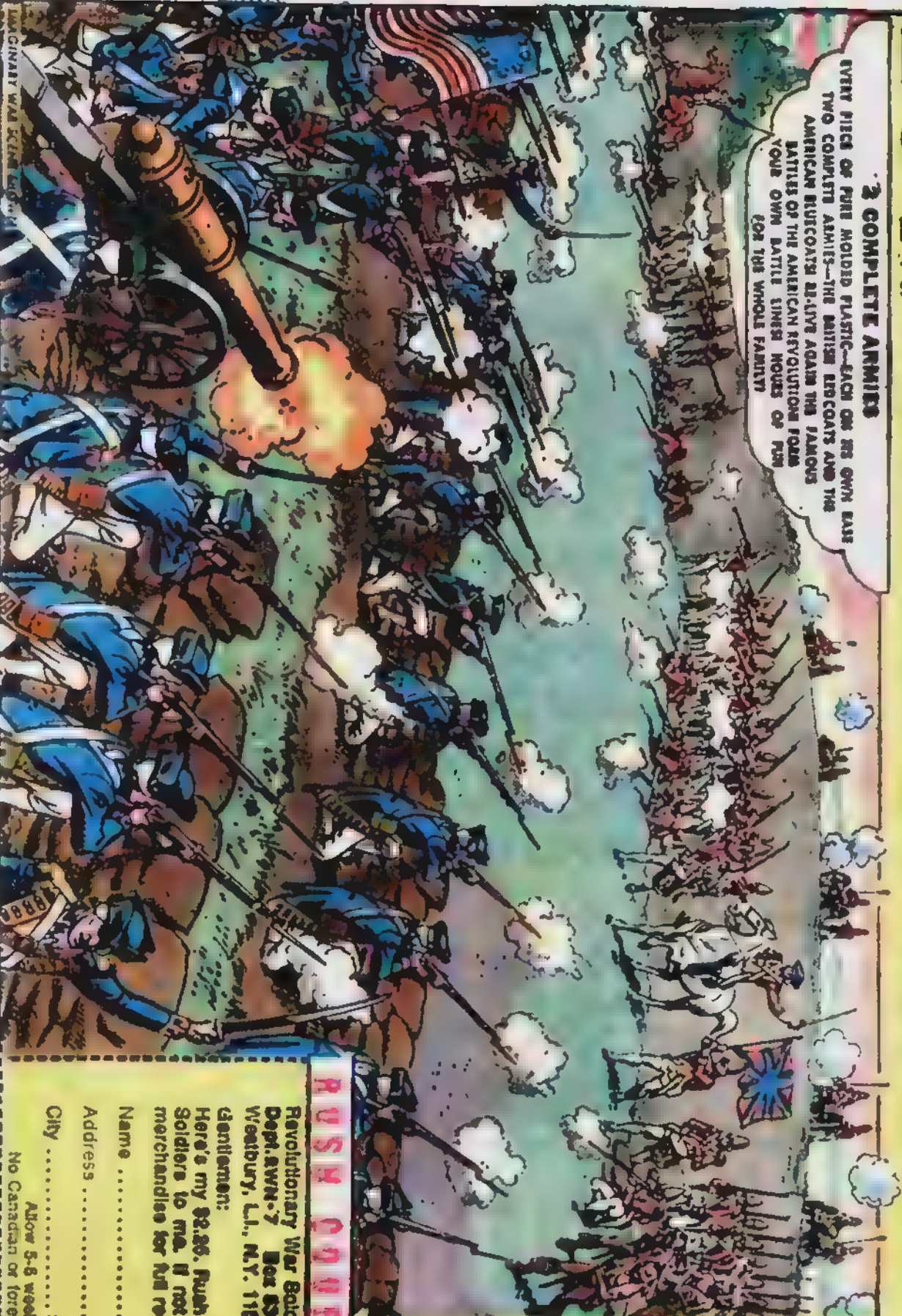
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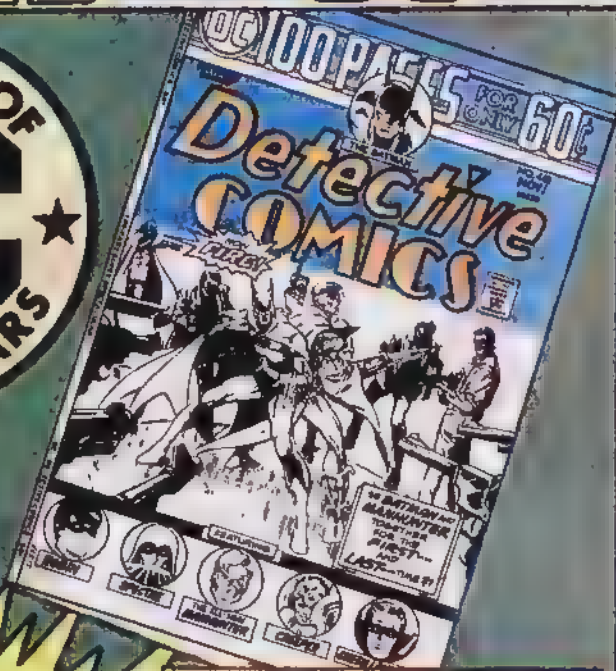
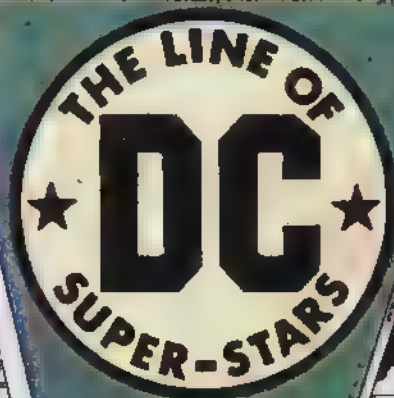
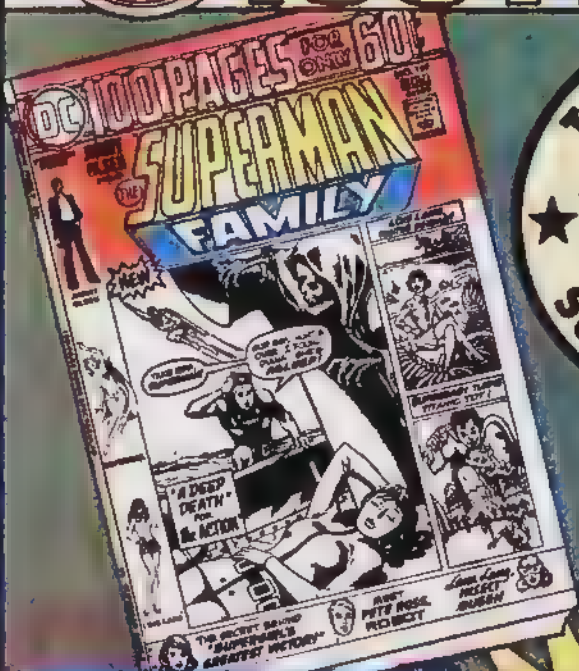
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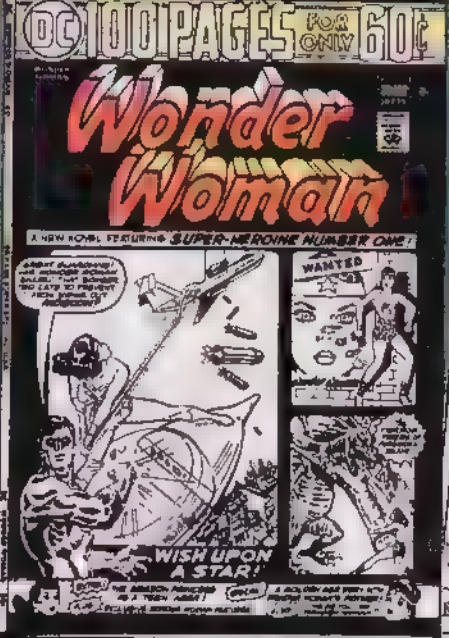
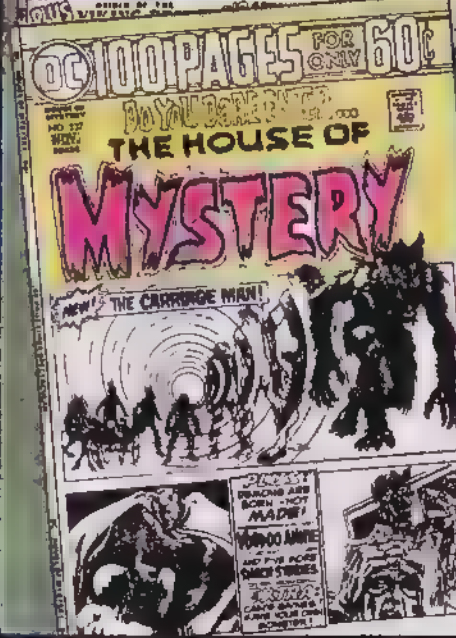
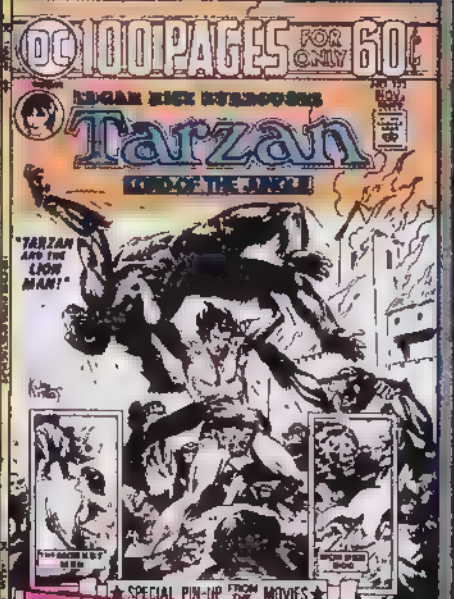
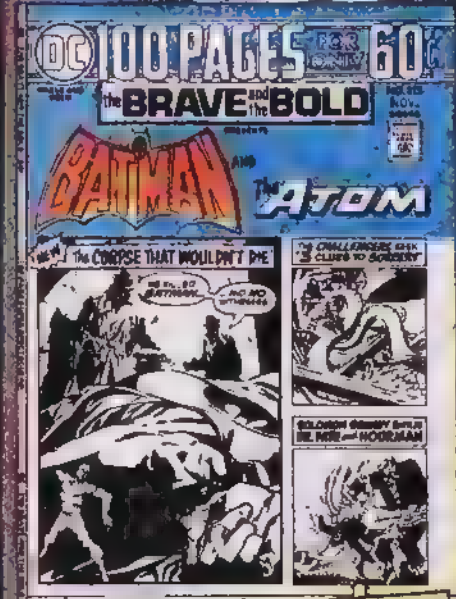
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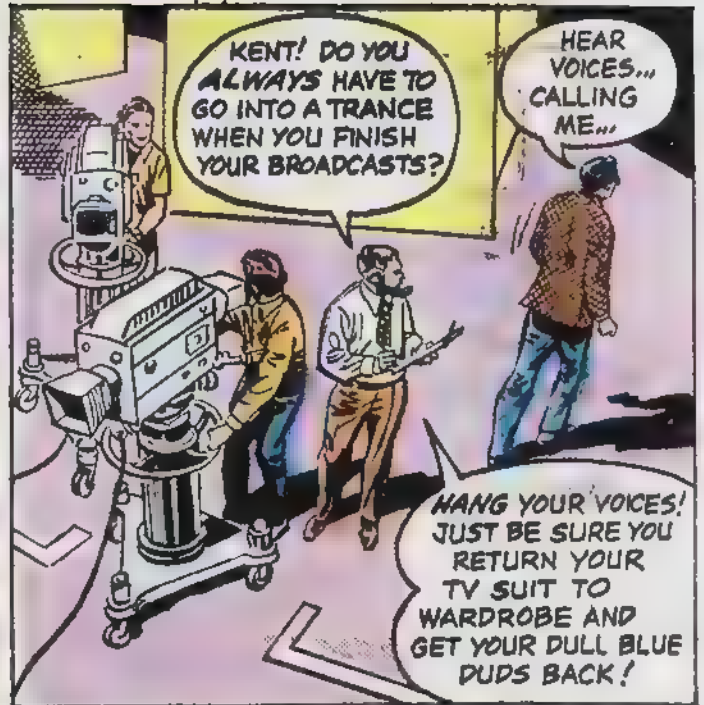
**KAL-EL...
COME TO US...**

SUDDENLY
FEEL DIZZY...
HEAR
VOICES...



KENT! DO YOU
ALWAYS HAVE TO
GO INTO A TRANCE
WHEN YOU FINISH
YOUR BROADCASTS?

HEAR
VOICES...
CALLING
ME...



HANG YOUR VOICES!
JUST BE SURE YOU
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WARDROBE AND
GET YOUR DULL BLUE
DUDS BACK!

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BUT DULL!...

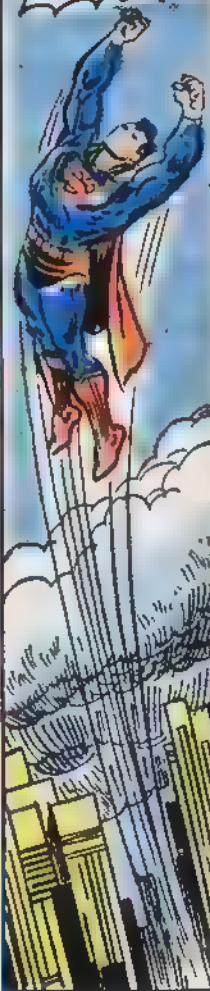
STILL KEEP
HEARING
VOICES...
CALLING TO
ME BY MY
KRYPTONIAN
NAME OF
KAL-EL!

I'VE GOT AN
IRRESISTIBLE
URGE--



-- TO
GO TO
THEM...

**KAL-EL...
COME TO
US... AT
ONCE...**



...TO
THIS
HILLTOP
OUTSIDE
THE CITY!

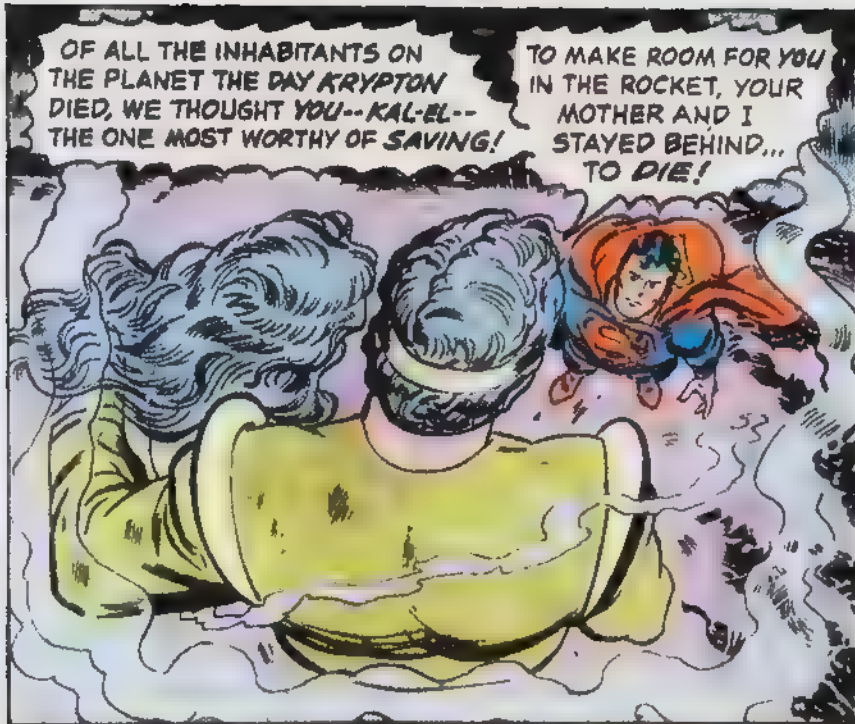


AND WHAT THE MAN OF TOMORROW
SEES WHEN HE PIERCES THE FOG
COVERING THE HILLTOP LITERALLY
BLOWS HIS MIND...

YOU HAVE COME TO
US, KAL-EL, OUR
WAYWARD SON!

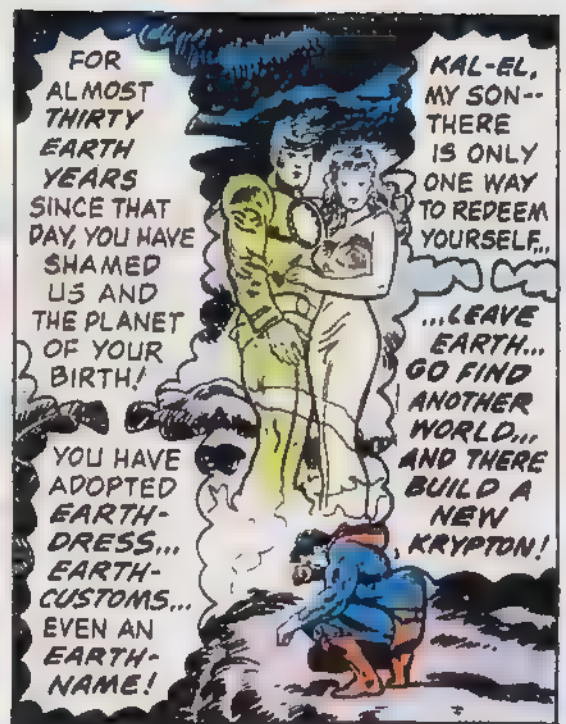
GREAT
KRYPTON!
MY DEAR
DEPARTED
PARENTS...
HAUNTING
ME!?





OF ALL THE INHABITANTS ON THE PLANET THE DAY KRYPTON DIED, WE THOUGHT YOU-- KAL-EL-- THE ONE MOST WORTHY OF SAVING!

TO MAKE ROOM FOR YOU IN THE ROCKET, YOUR MOTHER AND I STAYED BEHIND... TO DIE!

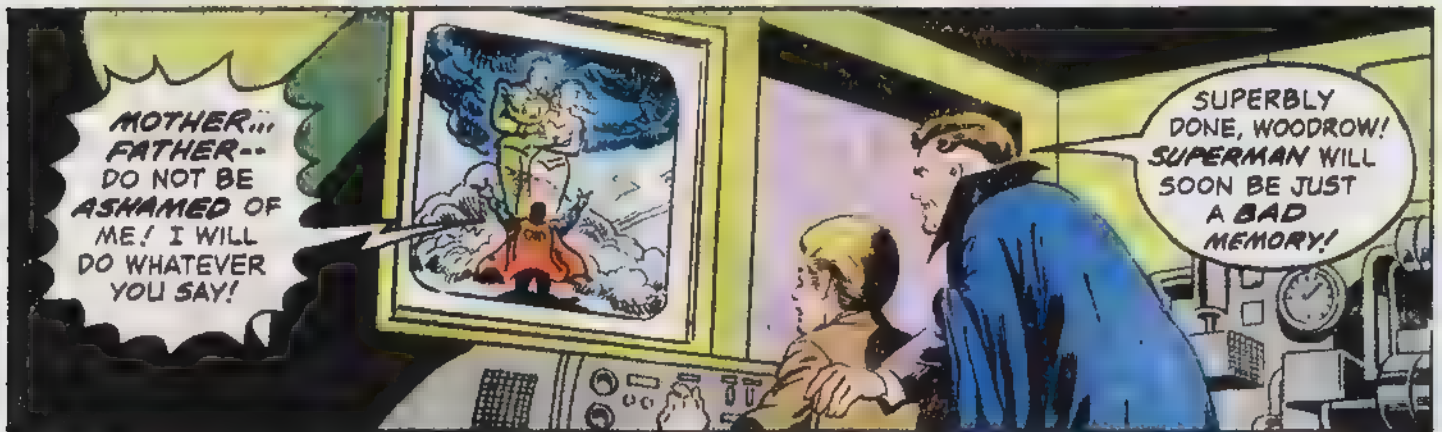


FOR ALMOST THIRTY EARTH YEARS SINCE THAT DAY, YOU HAVE SHAMED US AND THE PLANET OF YOUR BIRTH!

YOU HAVE ADOPTED EARTH-DRESS... EARTH-CUSTOMS... EVEN AN EARTH-NAME!

KAL-EL, MY SON-- THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO REDEEM YOURSELF...

...LEAVE EARTH... GO FIND ANOTHER WORLD... AND THERE BUILD A NEW KRYPTON!



MOTHER... FATHER-- DO NOT BE ASHAMED OF ME! I WILL DO WHATEVER YOU SAY!

SUPERBLY DONE, WOODROW! SUPERMAN WILL SOON BE JUST A BAD MEMORY!



AND ACROSS TOWN, IN A HUGE WAREHOUSE...

SONIC CANNON TO NATIONAL TRUST BANK... CHECK!

NUCLEAR ENERGY NULLIFIER TO METROPOLIS MUSEUM... CHECK!



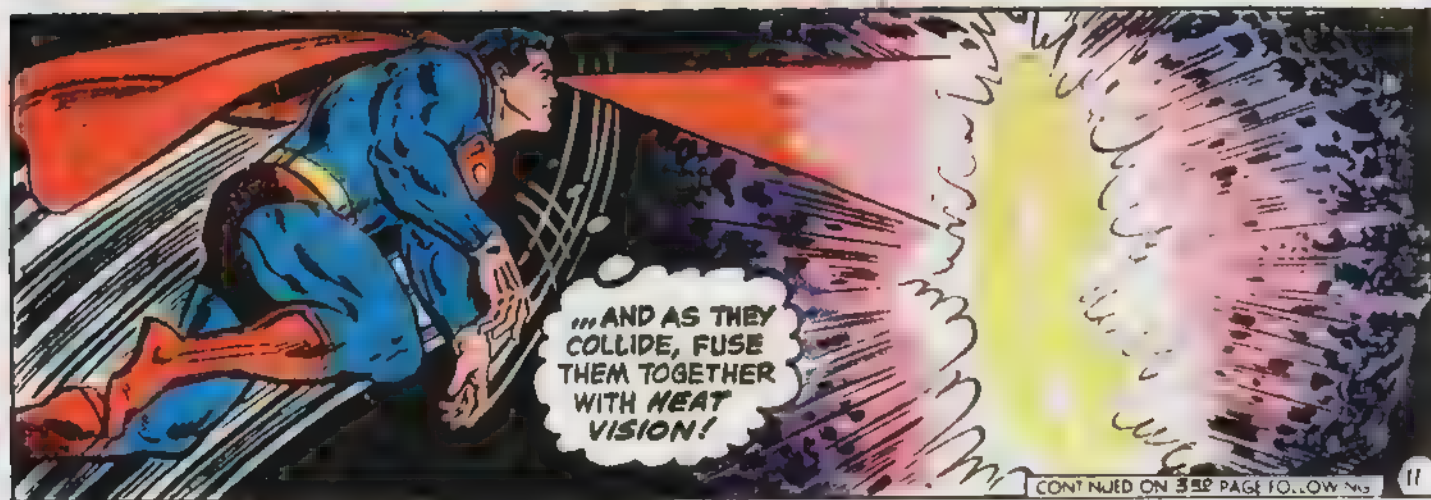
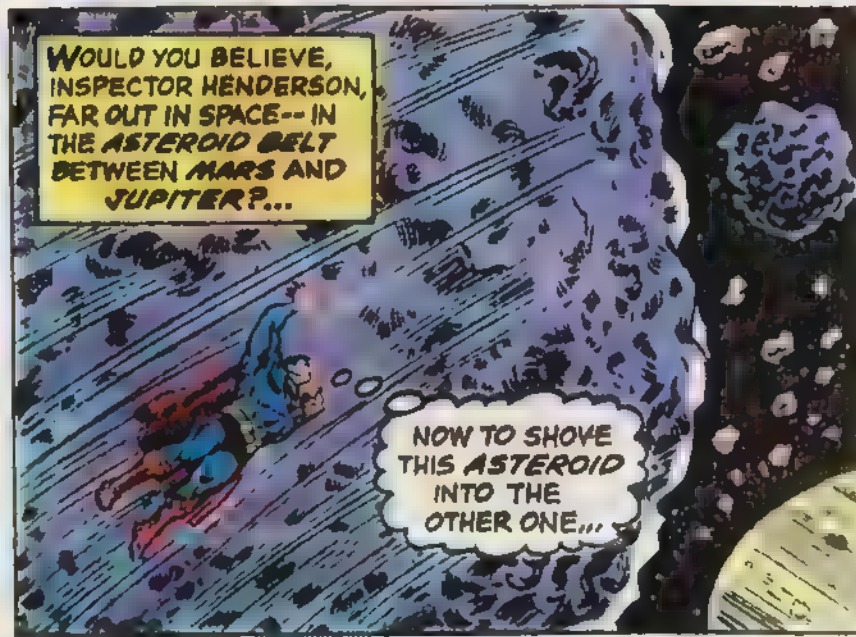
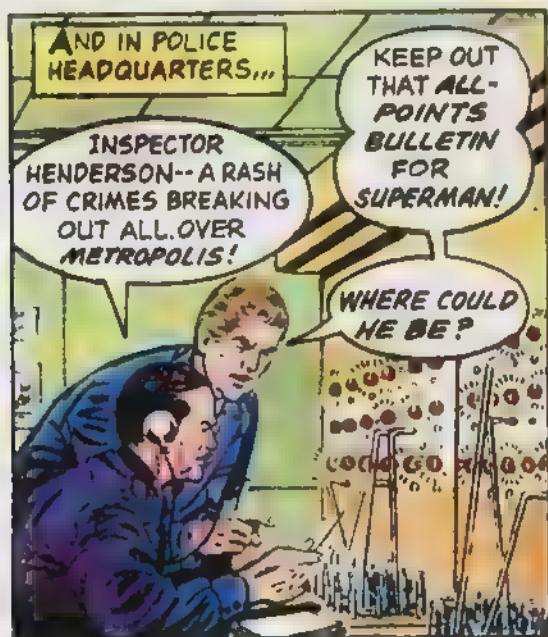
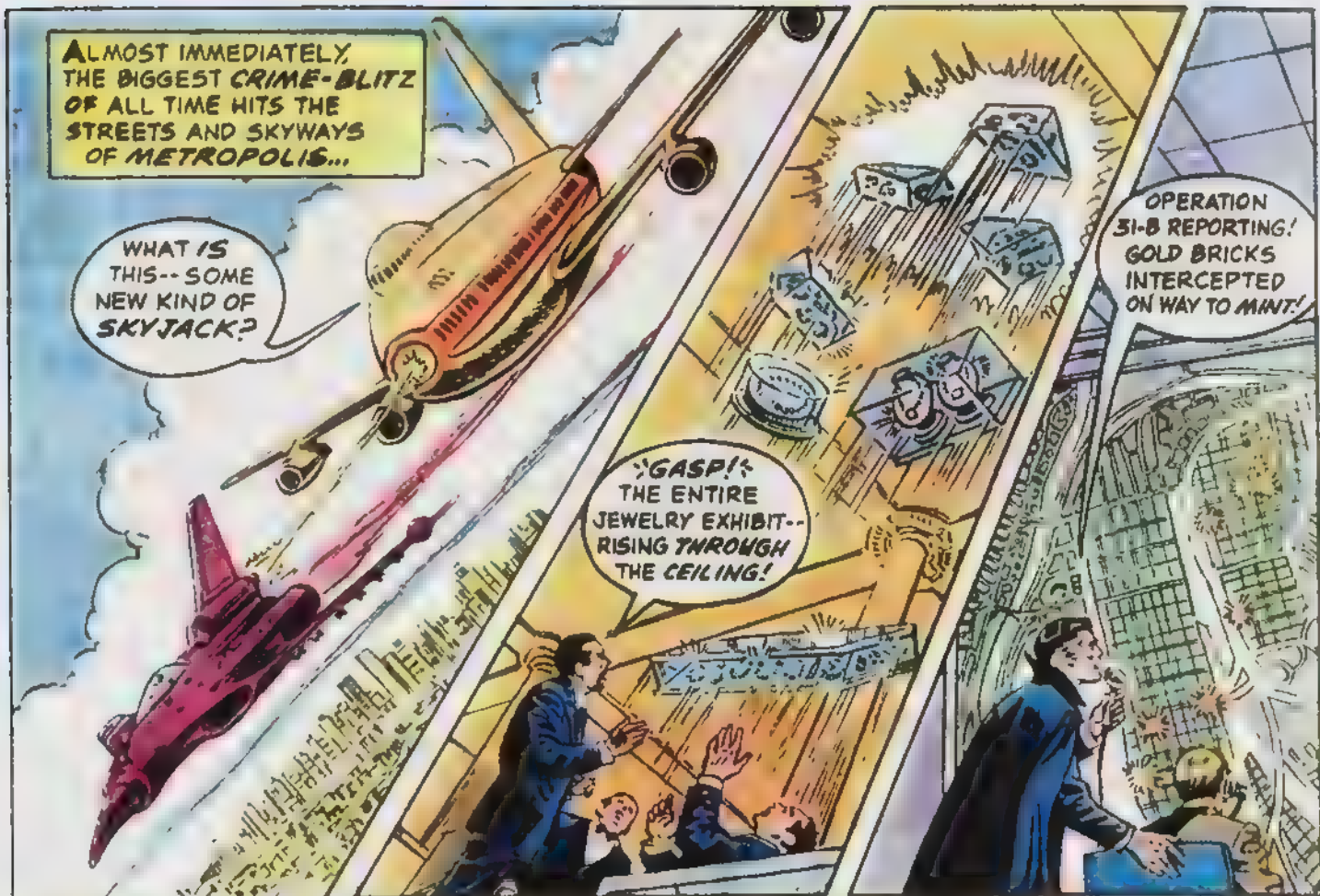
MEANWHILE, AN HALLUCINATING SUPERMAN SHAKES HIS FISTS INTO THE WIND...

NEVER LET IT BE SAID THAT I BETRAYED MY HERITAGE!

I VOW TO ESTABLISH A NEW KRYPTON-- AS A MEMORIAL TO MY NATIVE WORLD!



AND WITH THAT, THE SON OF KRYPTON LEAPS STRAIGHT INTO OUTER SPACE...





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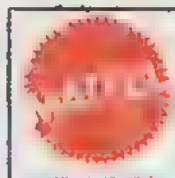
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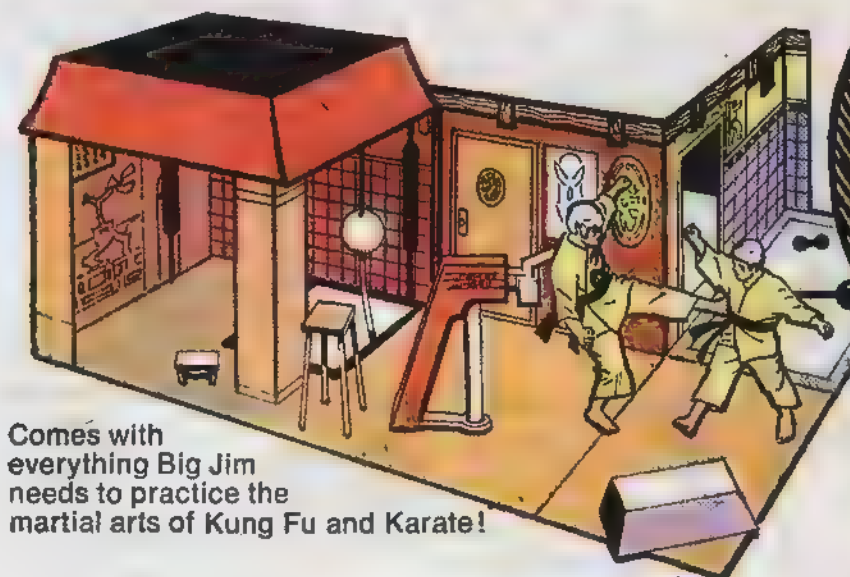
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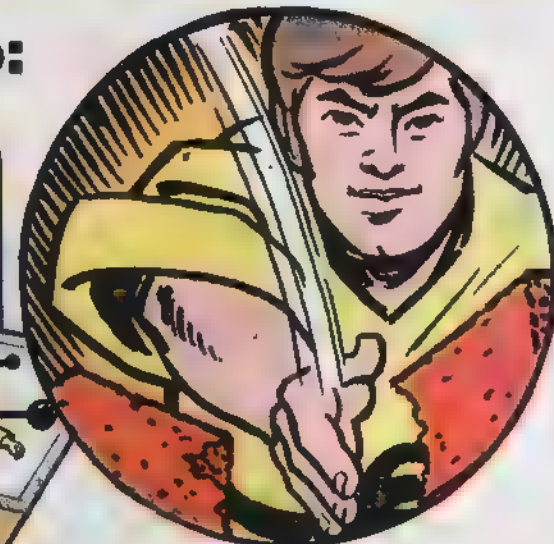
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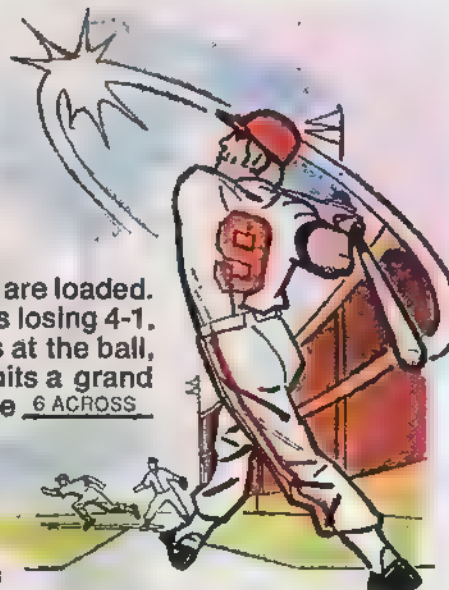
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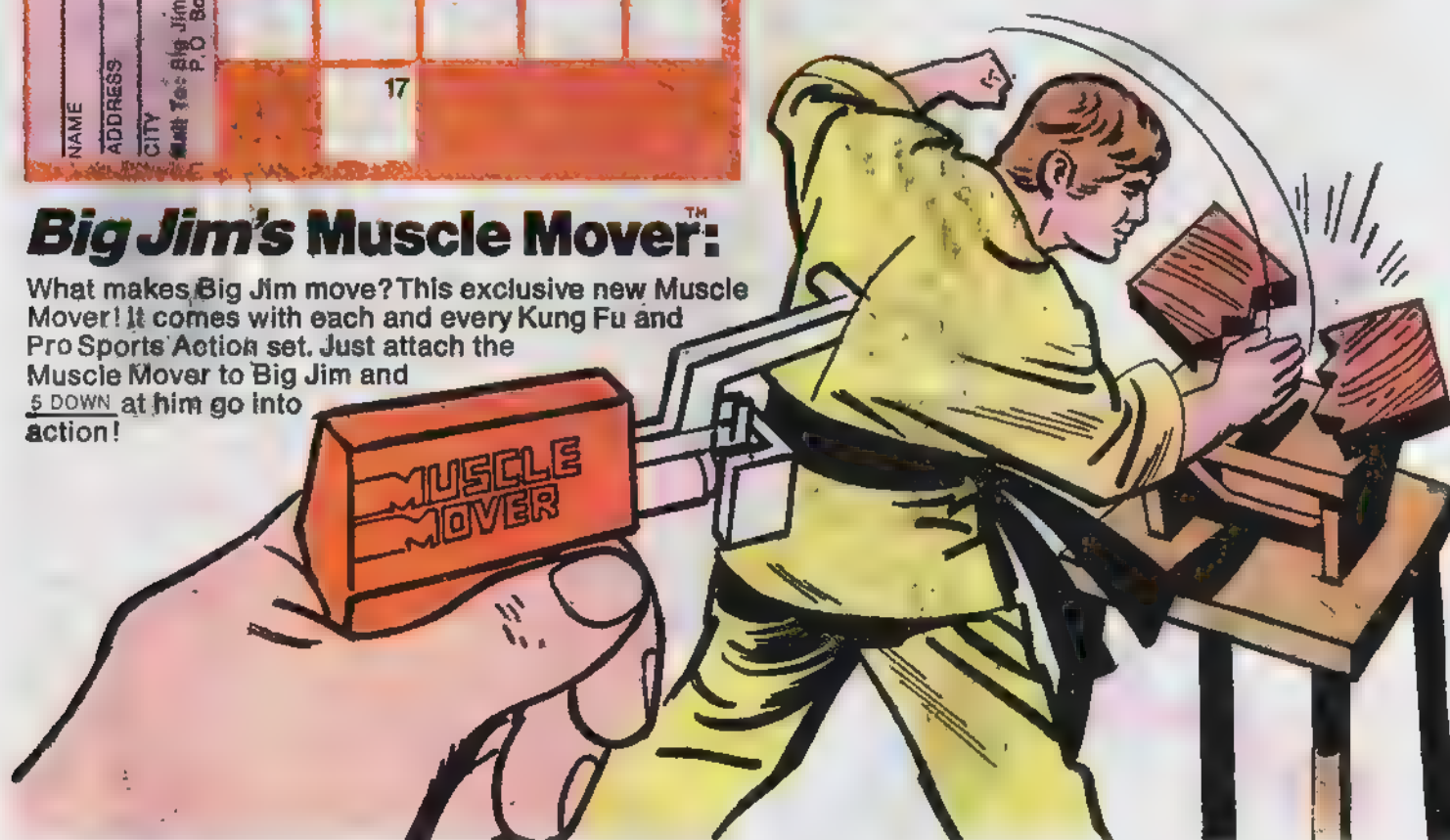


The bases are loaded.
Big Jim's team is losing 4-1.
Big Jim swings at the ball,
and hits a grand
slam home. 6 ACROSS

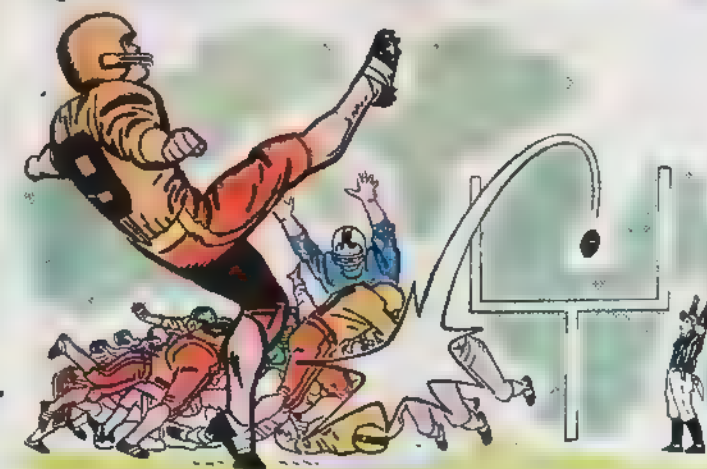
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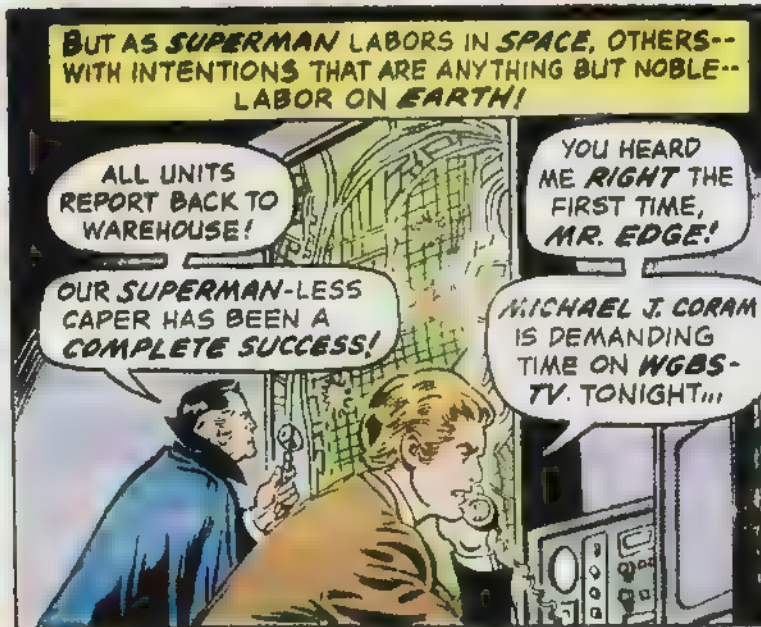


WHEN THE **ASTEROIDS** ARE HOLLOWED OUT, I'LL HAVE THE FIRST TWO SECTIONS OF A COLOSSAL **SPACE ARK...**

...THAT WILL TRANSPORT A NEW POPULATION TO MY NEW **KRYPTON!**



BUT WHO WILL I **CHOOSE** TO TAKE WITH ME--?



BUT AS **SUPERMAN** LABORS IN **SPACE**, OTHERS-- WITH INTENTIONS THAT ARE ANYTHING BUT NOBLE-- LABOR ON **EARTH!**

ALL UNITS REPORT BACK TO **WAREHOUSE!**

YOU HEARD ME **RIGHT** THE FIRST TIME, **MR. EDGE!**

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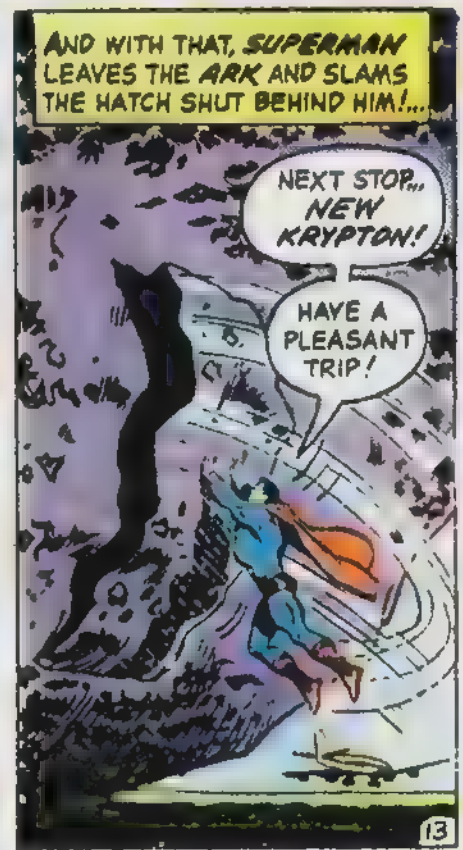
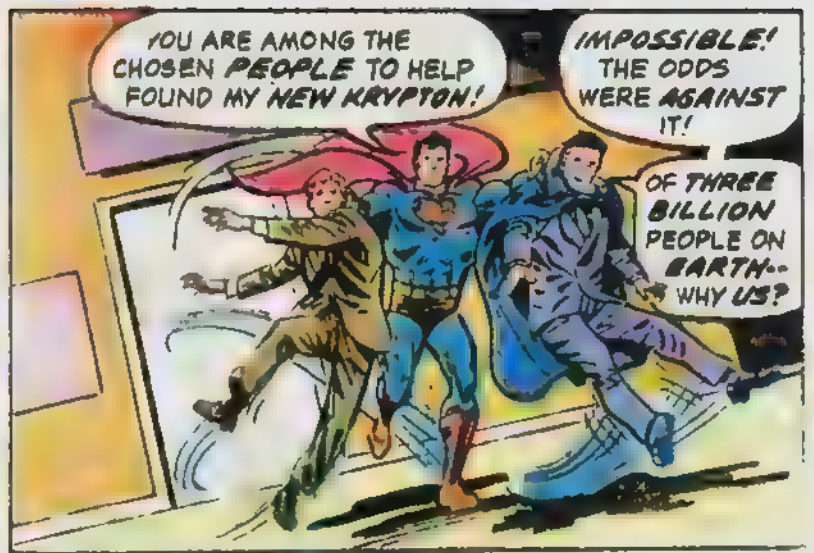
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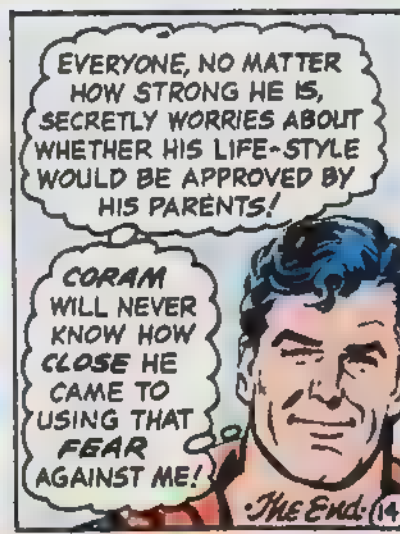
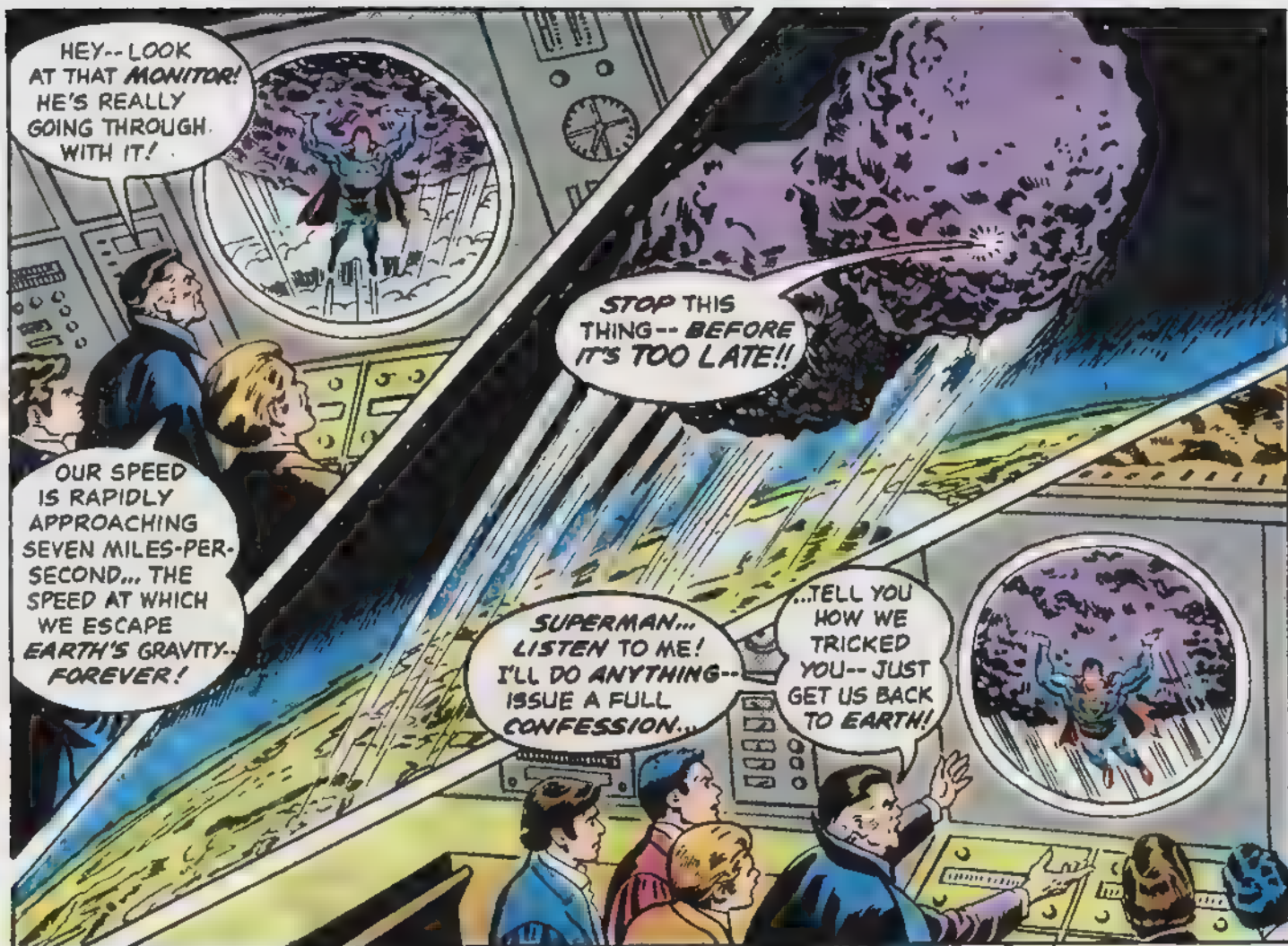
I ASSURE YOU, **MR. EDGE**, THIS IS NO LAUGHING MATTER!



UNLESS YOU AGREE--
GAHH!

HELLO? WHAT'S GOING ON THERE--?







COMING SUPER-Attractions!

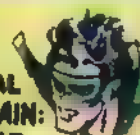
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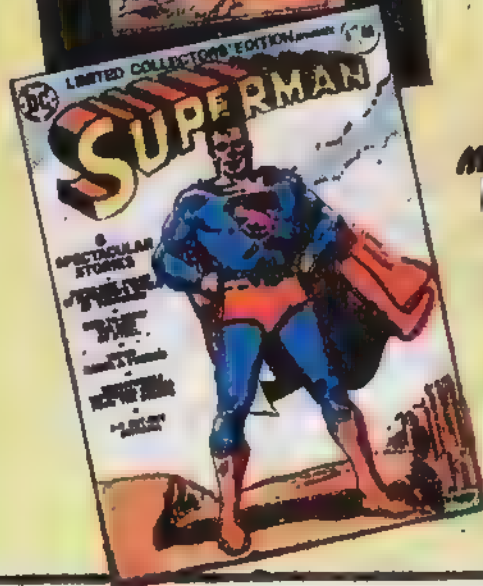
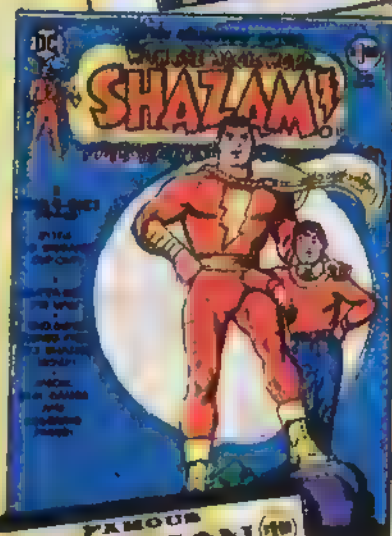
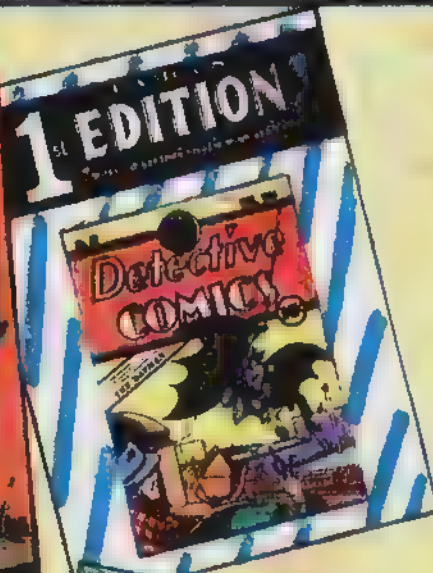
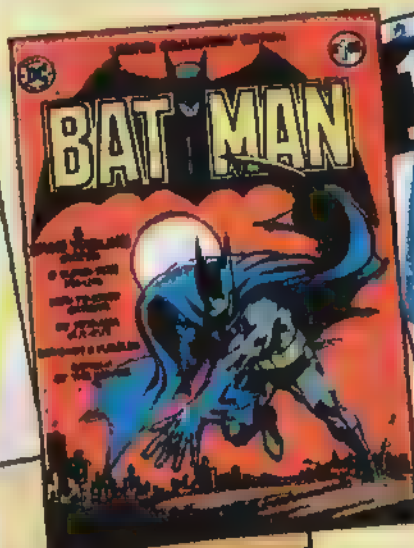
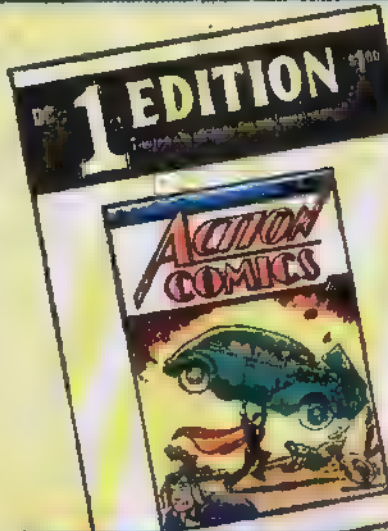
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"LITTLE DOG LOST!"

STORY: ELLIOT S! MAGGIN

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IF YOU'RE A STRAY DOG IN **STAR CITY**, YOU'RE ONE OF A HUNDRED THOUSAND HOMELESS CANINES SCRAPING TO KEEP ALIVE...

...YOU DIMLY KNOW THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A **MAN**-- ONE YOU HOPE YOU'LL RECOGNIZE IF YOU SEE HIM...

...BUT IF YOU ARE A CERTAIN **STAR CITY** STRAY, YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING BESIDES FOOD AND WATER...

...AND LOOKING UP, YOU REMEMBER THAT THE MAN YOU ARE LOOKING FOR CAN **FLY**-- LIKE **THIS MAN**...

GREEN ARROW

THE DOG DOESN'T QUITE KNOW WHY HE'S LOOKING FOR A FLYING MAN...



...BUT AS HE PERKS UP HIS NOSE TO GET THE **BOWMAN'S** SCENT, HE REALIZES...

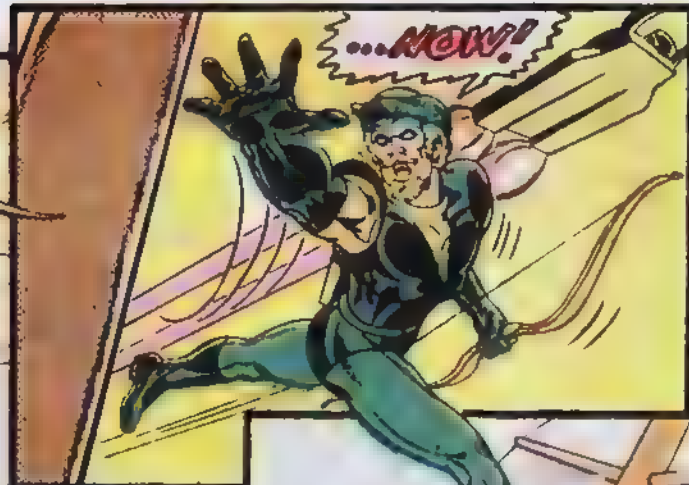
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...THAT GREEN ARROW MAY NEED SOME HELP!



GOTTA
TIME THIS
JUST RIGHT--

--GO FOR
THE MAST!

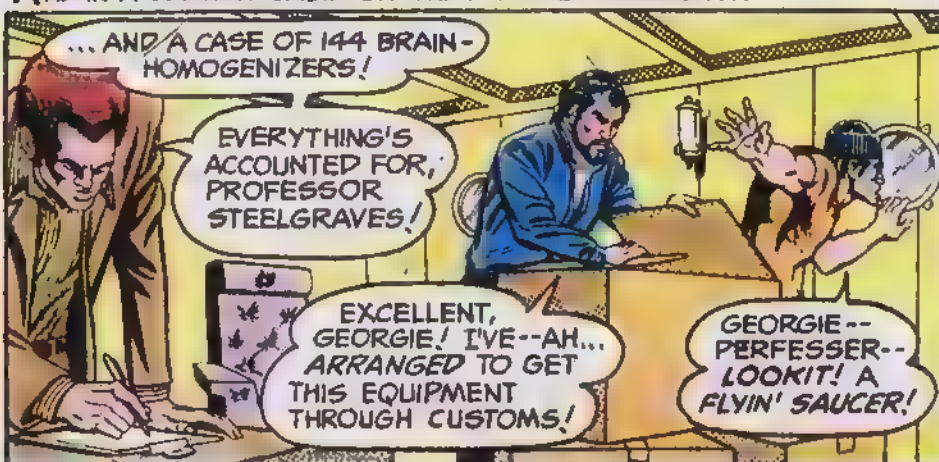


NEVER
PULLED THAT
STUNT BEFORE...

BUT I'LL
CONGRATULATE
MYSELF...

... AFTER
MY WORK
HERE IS
DONE!

AND IN A CERTAIN CABIN ON THAT SAME CRUISER...



EVERYTHING'S
ACCOUNTED FOR,
PROFESSOR
STEELGRAVES!

EXCELLENT,
GEORGIE! I'VE--AH...
ARRANGED TO GET
THIS EQUIPMENT
THROUGH CUSTOMS!

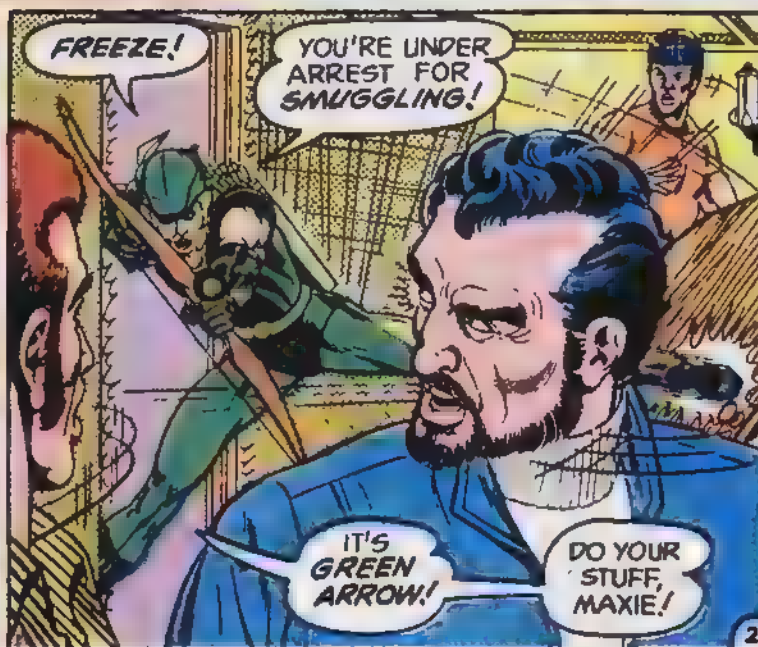
GEORGIE--
PERFESSOR--
LOOKIT! A
FLYIN' SAUCER!



FORGET IT, MAX-- WE GOT
MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO
DO THAN LOOK OUT FOR UFO'S--

THERE IT GOES--
LANDIN' IN THE
WATER-- LIKE A
LITTLE ROCKET
GIZMO THAT
FIZZLED OUT!

LET LARGE MAXIE
HAVE HIS FANTASIES!
THERE'S NO HARM IN--

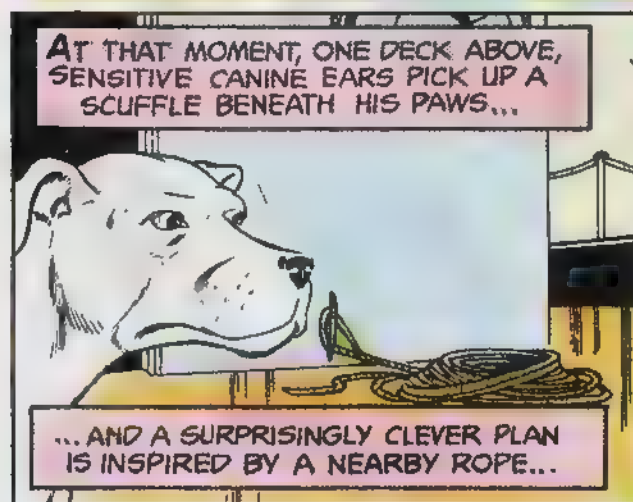
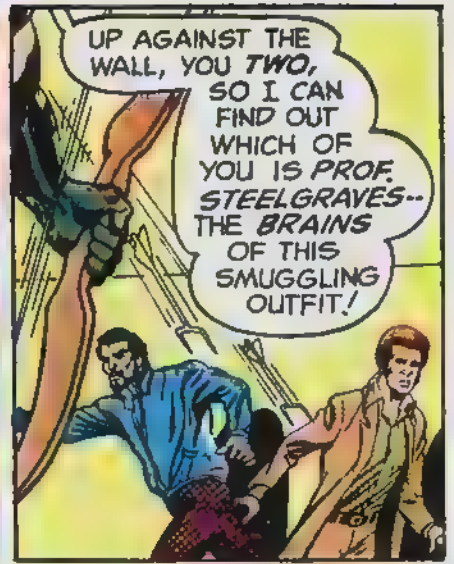
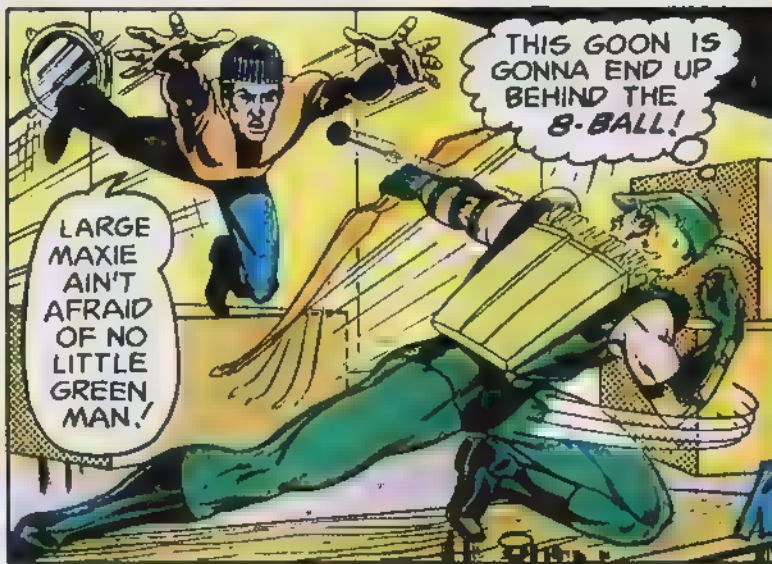


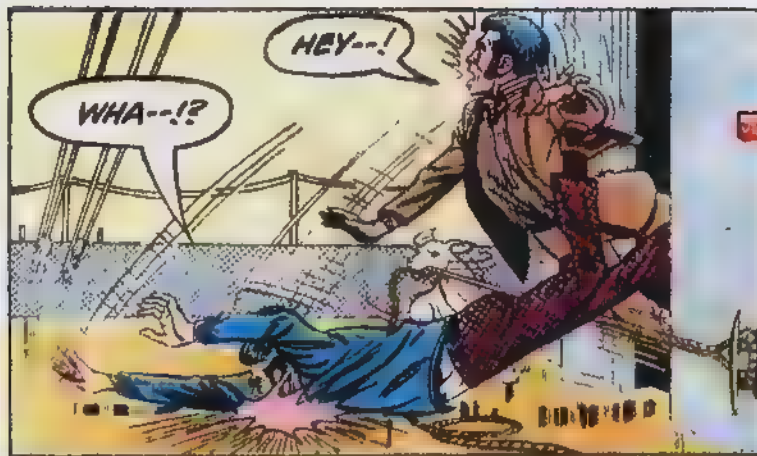
FREEZE!

YOU'RE UNDER
ARREST FOR
SMUGGLING!

IT'S
GREEN
ARROW!

DO YOUR
STUFF,
MAXIE!

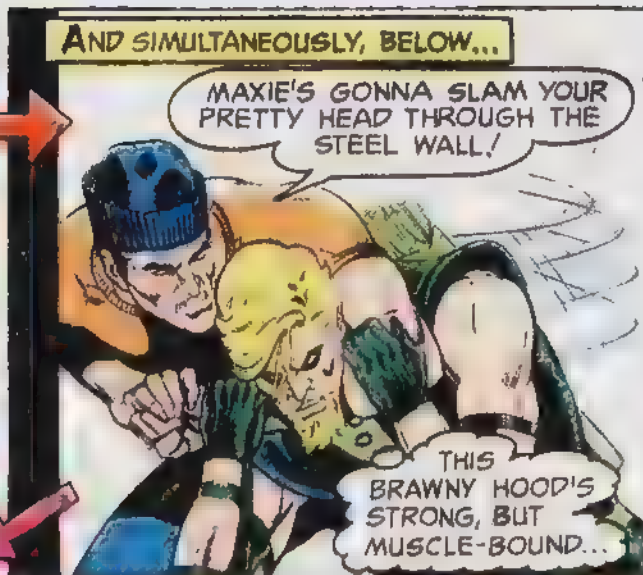




HEY--!

WHA--!?

AND SIMULTANEOUSLY, BELOW...



MAXIE'S GONNA SLAM YOUR PRETTY HEAD THROUGH THE STEEL WALL!

THIS BRAWNY HOOD'S STRONG, BUT MUSCLE-BOUND...



HEY! WHAT'S HOLDING YOU AWAY FROM THE WALL--THAT FLABBY ARM?



I, ON THE OTHER HAND, MANAGE TO KEEP MYSELF *LIMBER* AS WELL AS *TOUGH*...

WHO--?

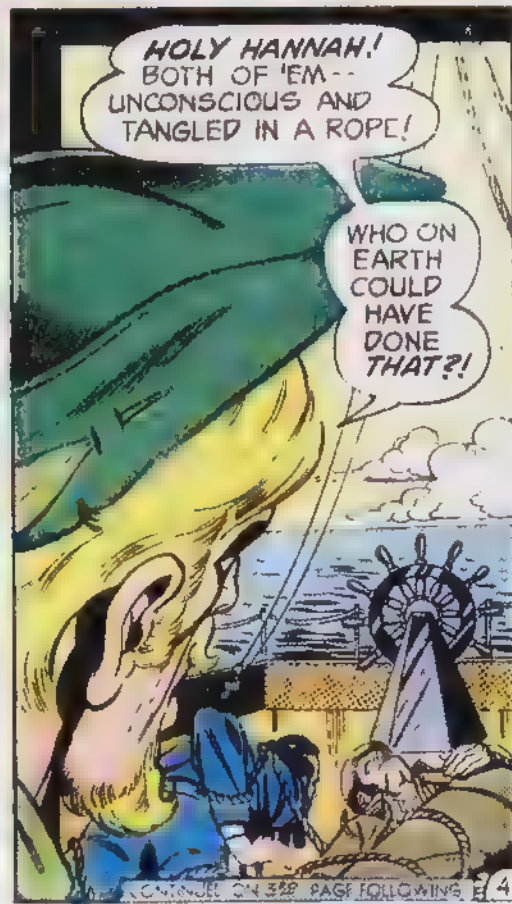


...SO THERE'S ONE BEAR-LIKE BRUTE DOWN FOR THE COUNT!



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STEELGRAVES AND HIS PAL COULD BE ANYWHERE ON BOARD THIS--



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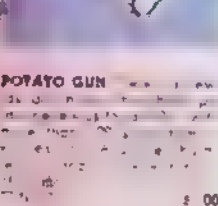
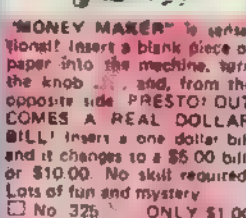
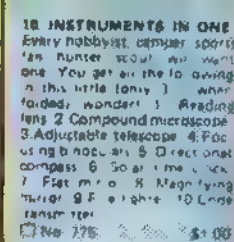
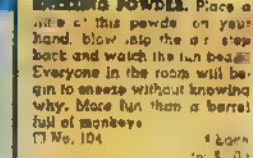
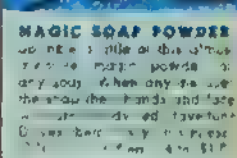
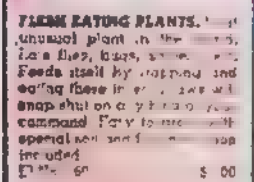
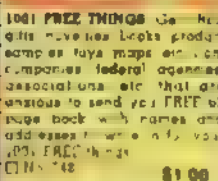
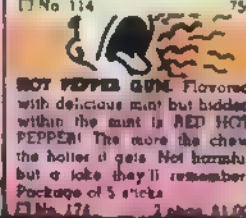
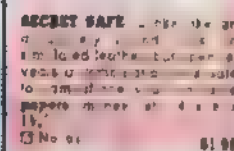
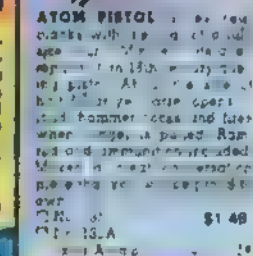
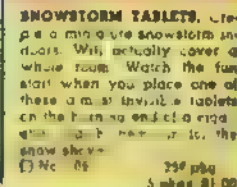
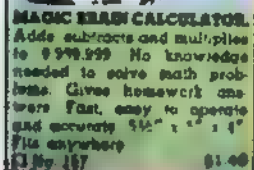
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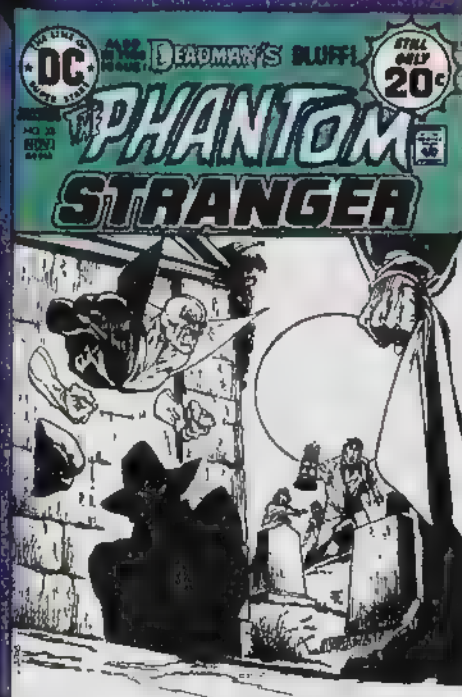
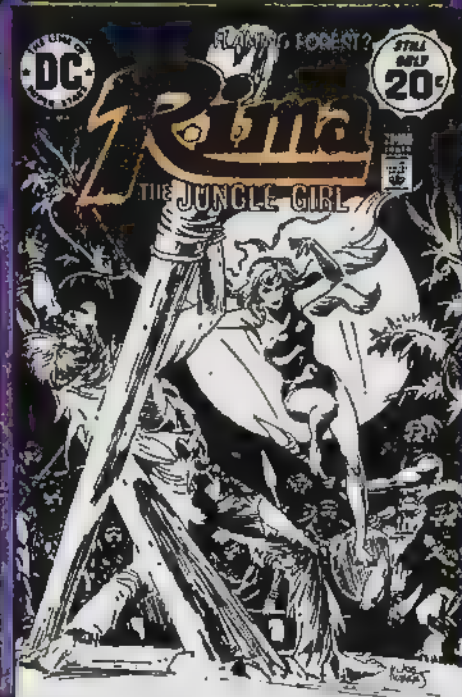
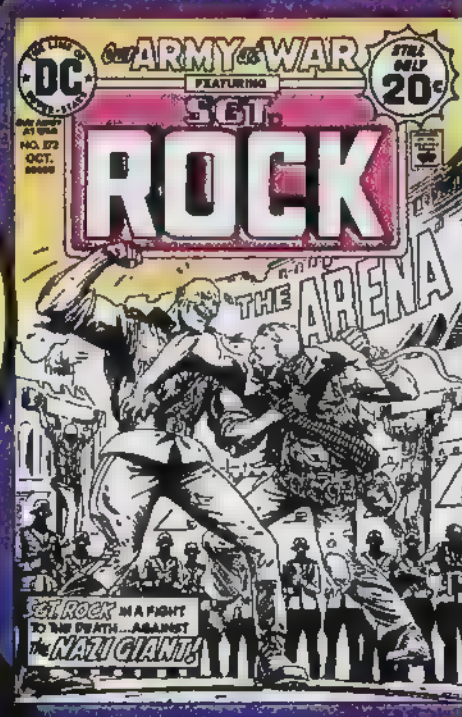
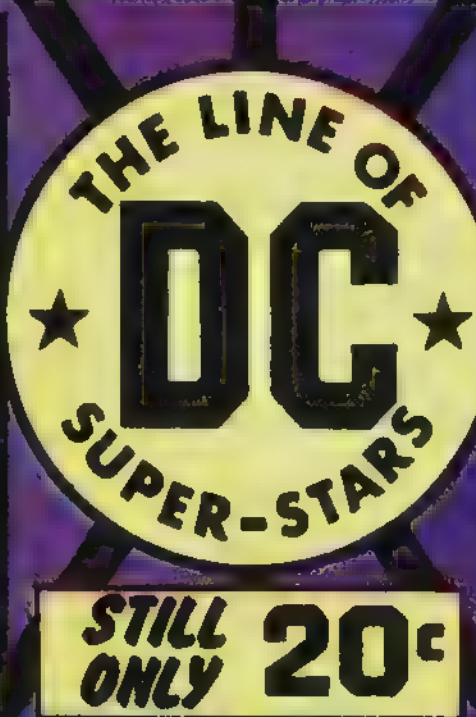
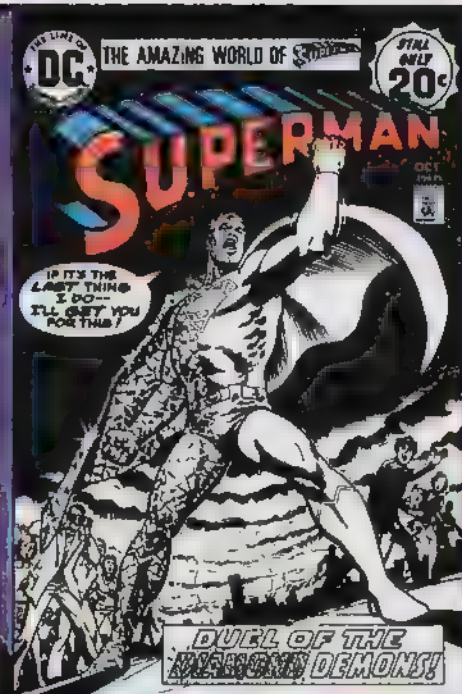
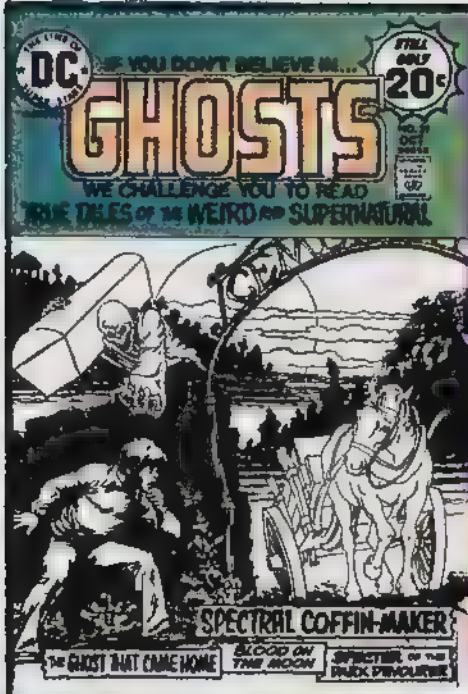
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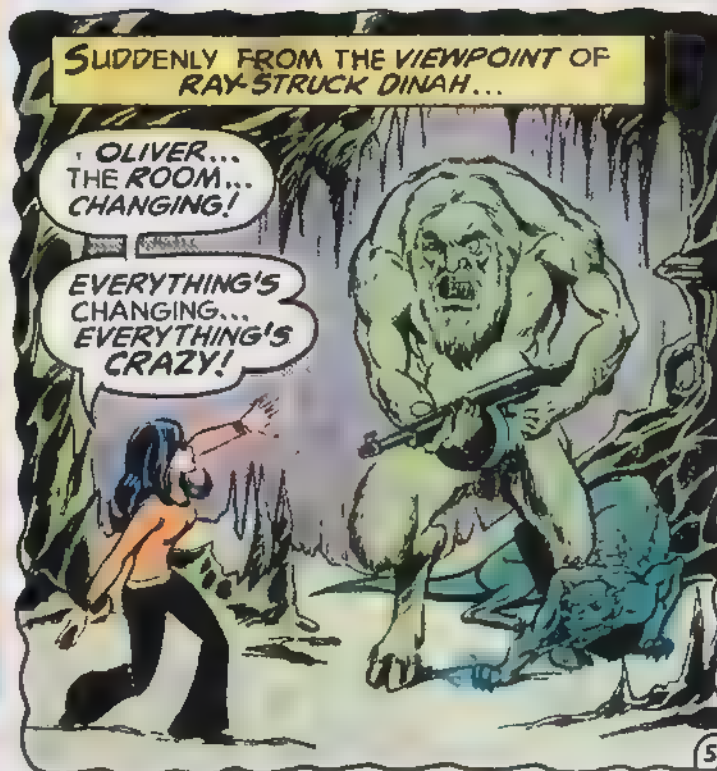
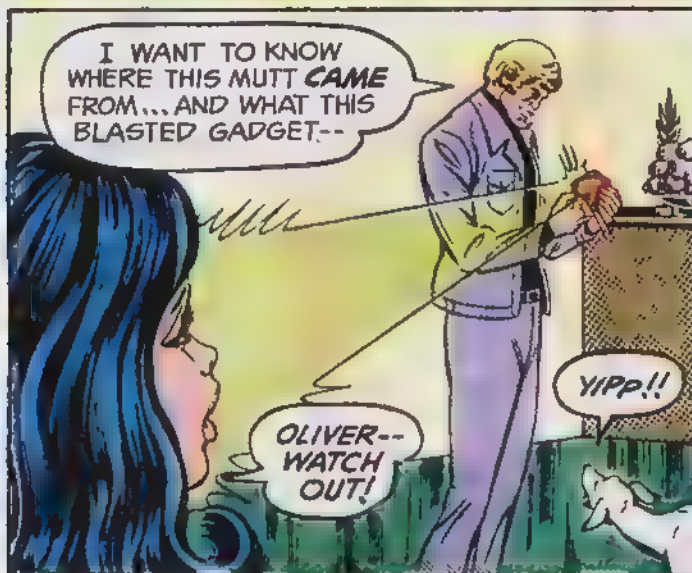
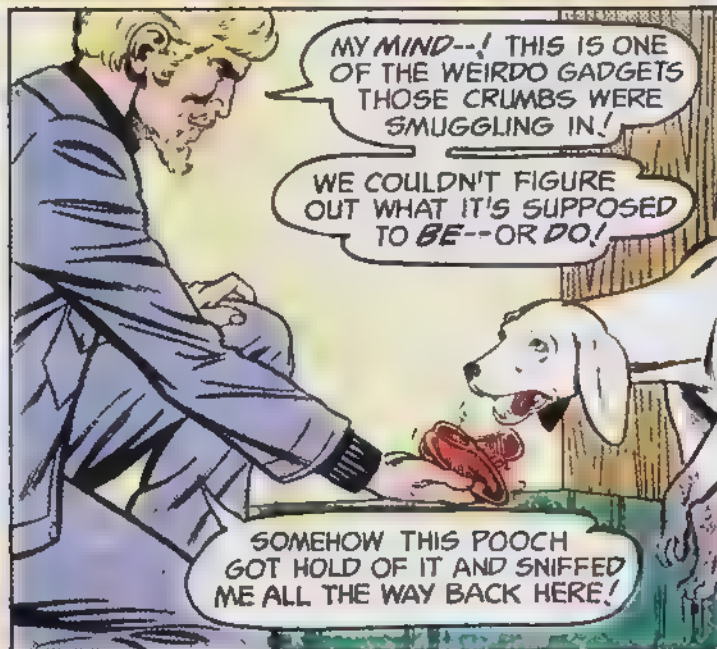
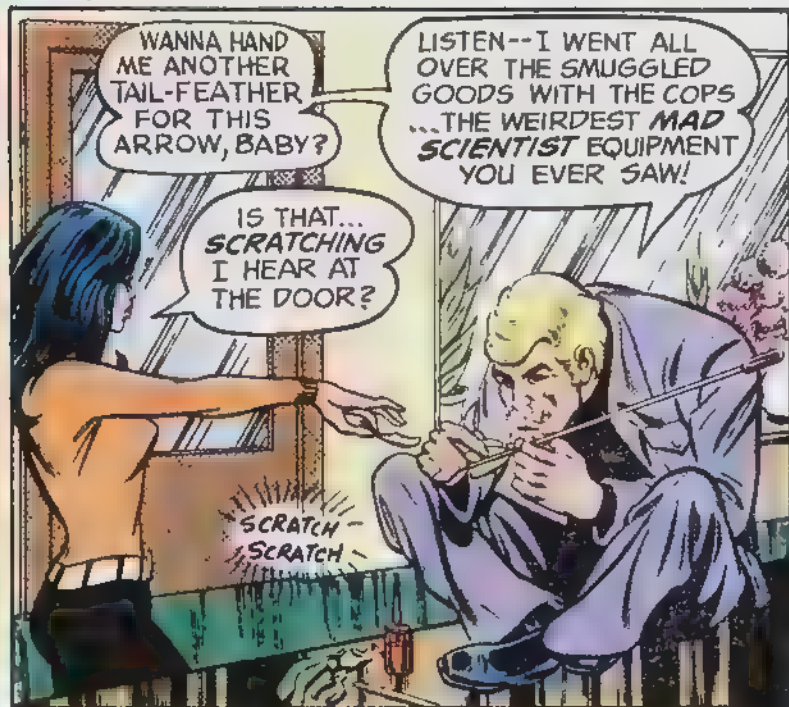
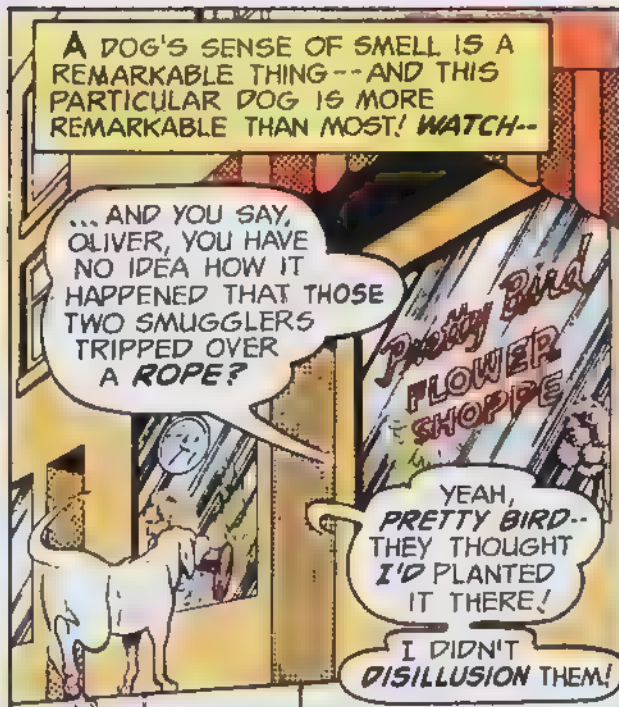
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YOWP!

NOW GET THIS: OLIVER QUEEN STRUGGLES TO STOP THE APPARENTLY CRAZED DINAH LANCE...

...AS THE MYSTERIOUS PUP MAKES AN ASTOUNDING LEAP ACROSS THE CHAOTIC FLOWER SHOP...

...TO SLIDE INTO THE FAR WALL WITH HIS CLUMSY PAW TUGGING ON THE CONTROLS OF A DEVICE DESIGNED ONLY FOR HUMAN HANDS...

...AND MIRACLOUSLY...

OLIVER... WHAT CAME OVER ME--?

FAR AS I CAN TELL... A BEAM FROM THAT GADGET STRUCK YOU-- MADE YOU HALLUCINATE...

... AND I'LL BE DARNED IF THAT DOG DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO CURE YOU OF IT!

WHAT'S MORE, THE WAY HE LEAPED ACROSS THE ROOM--IT WAS AS IF HE COULD FLY!

YES...HE'S NO ORDINARY DOG!

I THINK I'LL CALL HIM... DEMIAN! I ALWAYS LIKED THAT NAME!

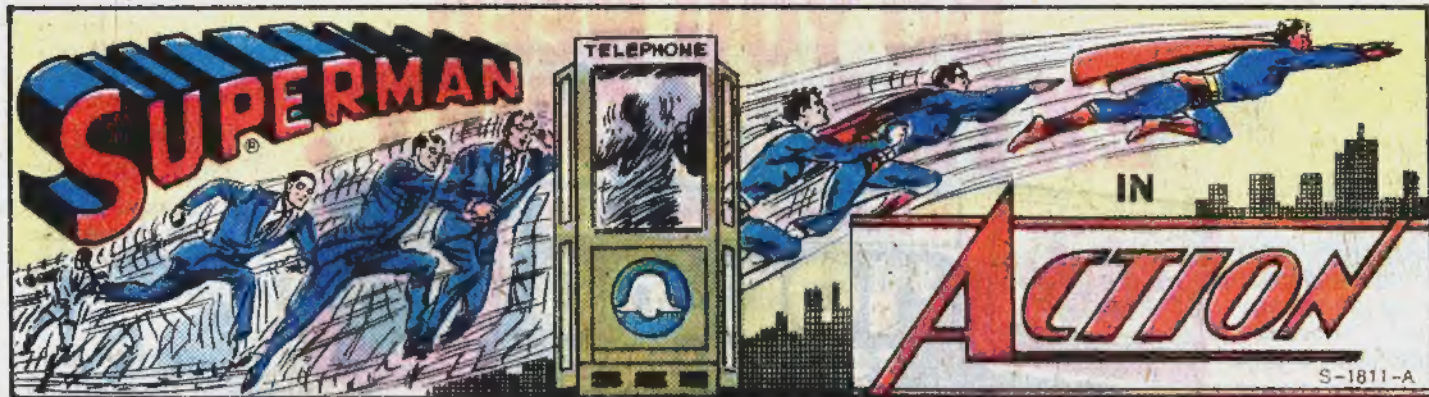
I WONDER WHERE HE COMES FROM?

THE SMUGGLING RING THAT TURNED UP WITH THAT HALLUCINATION-GUN IS NO ORDINARY MOB EITHER!

IT'D ANSWER LOTS OF QUESTIONS IF WE FOUND OUT WHAT THEY'RE INTO!

UNFORTUNATELY, I COULDN'T COME UP WITH THESE ANSWERS IN TIME FOR THIS ISSUE...

...BUT YOU CAN BET IT'LL BE WORTH THE WAIT TO GET YOUR MIND BOGGLED ALONG WITH MINE IN NEXT MONTH'S **"MYSTERY OF THE WANDERING DOG"**



Dear Mr. Bridwell:

Who says Superman can't be funny? I suppose the dissenters have skipped those pages with Clark Kent, Jimmy Olsen, et al, ignored those classic Mr. Mxyzptlk yarns, and, of course, totally missed clever satires like "The Super-Cigars of Perry White!" What a campy scene! Campy—but good! Seriously, it was great to see the mutant kids again. I never got around to commenting on "Attack by the Army of Tomorrow," in #265 of Supes' own mag, so let me say that those kids should become a viable part of the Superman mythos.

As for the super-campy cigars in Action #436, they epitomized the DC concept of teamwork. DC heroes co-operate and rarely battle for "dramatic" effect, quite unlike your competitors' heroes. Unfortunately—and how it pains me to find fault with Maggin—the illustrious Elliot S! fell on his face when describing the villainous super-tank. There was no mention of a force-field, nuclear or otherwise. Perhaps the tank had super-dense armor. But no; X-ray vision easily penetrates it. Yet Superman couldn't smash it. Otherwise, "Cigars" was a masterpiece.

Artwise, Vince Colletta is the ideal replacement to embellish Swan's pencils if Anderson does not return to these pages of Action.

The Green Arrow story, "Young Man with a Drum," featuring a welcome, if only temporary, return of Speedy, was well-done. Both story and art were excellent. But most of all—honestly—it is nice to see that GA has green eyes. Chauvinism isn't confined only to men. Except for certain bronze giants, most super-heroes and heroines have blue eyes. Being green-eyed myself, I'm glad to see this happy difference.

Keith Partain, Tulsa, Okla.

(There's a reason for the predominance of blue-eyed people in comics. The mags are printed in four colors—black, red, yellow and blue. Green is a mixture of blue and yellow; brown is made up of red, yellow and blue. If a color "drops out" and isn't printed, you're often left with strangely-hued eyes. That's why most colorists play it safe with blue eyes—though we like a little variety ourselves.—E.N.B.)

Dear Editor:

I can't tell you how much I enjoyed "The Super-Cigars of Perry White!" So instead, I'll tell you why . . .

During the late '50's and early '60's, everyone at the Daily Planet had a definite characterization upon which was built the Superman TV series. As

the show progressed, a strange thing happened. Suddenly, John Hamilton's portrayal of Perry White began to take root in your comics! At the same time, the TV show was introducing "comic relief" into its episodes, mainly in the never-ending battle between Perry White and Jimmy Olsen. Some of the greatest comedy lines came from this television conflict.

When I got to college, I met several other guys who grew up with Superman reruns, and we found that, in many cases, John Hamilton was indeed the star of the show! Thus we came up with the Perry White Fan Club, dedicated to preserving the memory of the television show. With our small following as it now stands, we hope to become to Superman what the "trekkies" are to Star Trek.

And that's another reason why I like Elliot S! Maggin.

Gregory L! Coben, New Brunswick, N.J.

(Actually, the PERRY WHITE characterization, and his relationship with Jimmy, started on the old RADIO series! Another character from both radio and TV makes his comic debut in this issue—INSPECTOR HENDERSON. That's still ANOTHER reason for you to like Elliot! —E.N.B.)

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Dear J.S.:

I see you've changed your policy in regard to stories in Action. It seems you've decided you're not going to publish any more rotten stories . . . and you're not going to publish any more good ones, either! As a matter of fact, you're not going to publish stories at all! That's obvious from reading that thing called "The Super-Cigars of Perry White" that wasted 13 pages in Action #436.

It couldn't be a story, because stories have conflict. Nothing happened in this "it" except Perry got cigars that gave him super-powers. (Gee, how original—I've only seen Perry get super-powers about ten times before.) Our favorite editor then smoked all but one of the cigars, which he put in a vault. Of course, Superman went through his usual antics to fill up space. I'm sure that wasn't a story. I read it over a few times and I'm certain.

Why don't you save yourself some energy and just publish 13 blank pages next time? It would be twice as exciting and a much better story—no, make that non-story—than this issue carried.

Ed Smith, Bronxville, N.Y.

(We suggested that idea to our publisher, but he turned it down. He said he couldn't think of anyone to NOT do the art!—E.N.B.)

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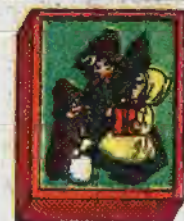
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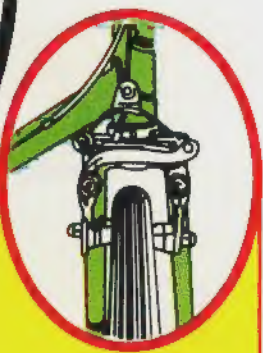
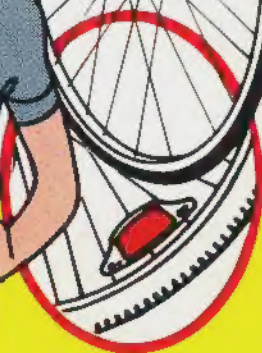
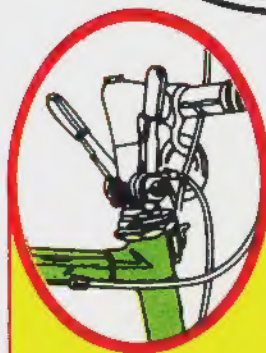
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